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## Soviets ready to start pullout from May 15

MOSCOW, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced today that Soviet forces will begin a total withdrawal from Afghanistan on May 15 if agreement is reached at Geneva peace talks, two months before that date.

In a statement issued by the official Tass news agency, Gorbachev said the withdrawal would be completed within 10 months.

He said Soviet troops could begin the pullout earlier if Afghanistan and Pakistan reached a peace accord before March 15 at the United Nations-mediated talks in Geneva.

"Seeking to facilitate a speedy and successful conclusion of the Geneva talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Soviet government and the Republic of Afghanistan have agreed to set a specific date for beginning the withdrawal of Soviet troops, May 15, 1988, and to complete their withdrawal within 10 months," Gorbachev said.

**Assumption**

"The date is set based on the assumption that agreements on the settlement would be signed no later than March 15, 1988 and that, accordingly, they would all enter into force simultaneously two months after that."

"If the agreements are signed before March 15, the withdrawal of troops will, accordingly, begin earlier."

The Soviet Union intervened militarily in Afghanistan in December 1979. Western experts estimate Soviet troop strength there at 115,000 men.

Gorbachev said Moscow and Kabul had also agreed that "a relatively greater portion of the Soviet contingent" could be pulled out in the first stage of the withdrawal period.

Gorbachev said the withdrawal of Soviet troops would be linked to "guarantees of non-interference" in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

But he said the pullout could proceed even if efforts to set up a coalition government in Kabul did not produce immediate results. (See also Page 2)

## Israeli savagery reignites rage 15-year-old boy beaten to death

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Israeli troops beat a Palestinian schoolboy to death after taking him from his home in a Gaza Strip refugee camp, a senior UN official said today.

A witness from Bureij camp, Khalil Mohammed, said 15-year-old Iyad Mohammed Aqel's head was "beaten to pulp, his hands were bruised and swollen and his back was black and blue."

Amid widespread violence in the occupied territories, a Palestinian was shot dead — apparently by an Israeli civilian — in the West Bank village of Kafr Kadam near Nablus, bringing the unofficial death toll in two months of riots to at least 50.

There were also fierce clashes in Arab East Jerusalem. Two policemen were injured in the Silwan neighbourhood when Arab youths set fire to a delivery van that police had commandeered and camouflaged as bakery van, witnesses said.

**Gruesome**

Local residents found Iyad unconscious in an orange grove outside the Bureij refugee camp last night and took him to a hospital where he died.

Soldiers opened fire on stone-throwing mourners at his funeral today, wounding an 11-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy, said Bernard Mills, director of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip.

The Army was unable to explain the incident, one of the most gruesome since the disorders began on Dec. 9.

Mohammed said soldiers from the elite Givati Infantry Brigade entered the house searching for youths who had stoned them in the streets. They beat and dragged away Iyad and his 18-year-old cousin Abdullah Ali Aqel, who had his arm broken.

News of the death sparked rioting in the nearby Nuseirat refugee camp and an Army spokesman said troops opened fire with live ammunition, wounding four Palestinians.

A general strike called by a clandestine "Unified Leadership of the Uprising" was widely observed today with very few Arab labourers leaving the West Bank and Gaza Strip for their jobs in Israel.

**Limitation**

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered troops last month to beat rioters instead of shooting them following worldwide condemnation of Israel's use of force to crush Arab unrest.

But troops have increasingly resorted to live ammunition again in the last week.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said there was no military solution to the unrest in the occupied territories because Israel was limited by moral constraints.

"We have limitations on how to deal with stone-throwers, limitations that we placed upon ourselves because we do not want to be human animals," he said.

Iyad appeared to be the second person to die from beating. Another 15-year-old, Rami Aklok, died of a brain haemorrhage in Jerusalem's Mokkassed Hospital yesterday and doctors said he had been severely beaten on the head.

The Army denied he was beaten by troops.

Police used tear gas to disperse stone-throwing youths at Herod's Gate to the old city of Jerusalem and two Israeli youths were slightly injured while touring the old city walls, a popular tourist attraction.

An Army spokesman said first investigation showed no troops had been present in the village of Kafr Kadam when 25-year-old Abdel-Basset Abdallah was shot in the head.

Security sources said witnesses reported that an Israeli civilian car, possibly driven by a Jewish settler, entered the village and its occupants were suspected of the shooting.

In the town of Halhoul, north of Hebron, troops opened fire to disperse rock-throwing demonstrators, wounding several people, witnesses said.

Unrest was reported in several outlying Arab villages as the uprising spread to areas normally remote from any political agitation.

The West Bank's biggest city, Nablus, remained under curfew for the eighth day today. Twelve

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A Palestinian lady mourns the death of her relative. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 600 to sail aboard 'Ship of Return'

ATHENS, Feb. 8, (Agencies): A PLO official said today that 600 people will sail this week on an "Exodus"-inspired "Ship of Return" headed for Haifa, and said Israeli acceptance of the boat would encourage peace.

"If they accept, they will make it short for peace," said Fouad Al Bittar, the PLO Ambassador in Athens, during a news conference.

He said the still-undecided ship would sail on Wednesday from the Greek port of Piraeus with 200 Palestinians deported by Israel, 200 promiscuous observers and 200 journalists.

Bitar refused to release the name of the vessel or reveal the flag it would fly, but he said a contract had been signed for its charter. He said it would be called the "Ship of Return."

**Voyage**

He said it is due to reach the Israeli port of Haifa on about Feb. 15 after stopping in Cyprus. It appeared unlikely, however, that Israeli officials would let the ship dock.

The voyage is modelled after the historic voyage to Israel by Jewish survivors of Nazi death camps depicted in the novel "Exodus."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has called the voyage "a hostile act" and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has said Greece's refusal to block the departure was "an unfriendly act."

Four Palestinian activists whose expulsion from the West Bank by Israel last month caused a world outcry left Beirut today to join the Return Ship.

## EEC deplores repressive Israeli measures

BONN, Feb. 8, (Agencies): European Economic Community foreign ministers today deplored the Israeli crackdown on unrest in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a violation of international law.

A statement issued by the 12 ministers after talks with King Hussein of Jordan on the prospects for an international Middle East peace conference was their strongest to date on the violence.

"They deeply deplore the repressive measures taken by Israel, which are in violation of international law and human rights. These measures must stop," the statement said.

**Dangerous**

The ministers said they encouraged all initiatives that could end Arab-Israeli conflicts and urged "all parties to exercise maximum restraint in order to reduce the dangerous level of tension in the occupied territories."

The community has already lodged two protests with Israel through its ambassadors over Israeli tactics that have led to at least 50 deaths in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the last two months.

Diplomats said King Hussein appealed to the ministers to act as a bridge between the Arabs and Israelis and between the two superpowers, which would have to cooperate for a UN conference to take place.

"He is clearly expecting a lot from Europe," said one diplomat at the two-hour meeting.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl told visiting King Hussein he will "emphatically support" the proposal for an international peace conference on the Middle East during his talks in Washington next week.

King Hussein, invited by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to brief the 12 on the Arab League Summit in Amman last November, advocates an international conference on the Middle East.

**Violence**

After the Amman meeting, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak launched a plan for a six-month halt to violence in the occupied territories as a first step toward a negotiated settlement.

Mubarak's recent tour of Europe and the United States coincided with a mission by US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy to explain Washington's latest initiative, which calls for limited Palestinian autonomy pending talks on the final status of the occupied territories.

In Riyadh, Murphy consulted today behind closed doors with Saudi Arabian leaders, informed sources reported.

The sources said he flew in from Damascus, where he had lengthy talks with President Hafez Al Assad and other Syrian leaders.

**Rejected**

His talks in Damascus were described as serious and hushed, but officials said Syria remained adamant in rejecting all "unilateral and partial" solutions.

In Damascus, officials said Syria rejected unilateral and partial solutions and told Murphy that Israel must pull out of the occupied territories.

## US officers see Iraqi plane firing Exocet

MANAMA, Feb. 8, (Agencies): Officers aboard a US battle cruiser watched an Iraqi jet fire an Exocet missile and saw the projectile explode as the American ship sailed up the Gulf during the night, US military sources said today.

The Iraqi plane, a Soviet-built Badger, was only eight miles (11 kilometres) from the American vessel when it fired, and "for a moment, it looked as if the missile had been fired at the ship," said one informant. "It was a pretty tense moment."

**Missile**

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the firing occurred about 100 miles (160 kms) south of Bahrain, as the cruiser Richmond K. Turner sailed north from Dubai.

Its location at the time was in the same area where the US missile frigate Stark was struck by an Iraqi warplane last May 17.

US officers watched from the bridge and on radar screens as the Iraqi aircraft flew some 240 miles (400 kms) down the Gulf and then looped eastward, in what US officers said was a typical flight pattern, though further south than usual, for Iraqi planes attacking oil tankers along the Iranian coast.

"Condition three red," the highest level of alert with missiles ready for launching, was in effect aboard the Turner, which on Thanksgiving Day came within a second of firing at three Iraqi planes approaching it, what officers called a "ship attack mode" in the northern Gulf.

Meanwhile, London-based Lloyd's shipping intelligence unit confirmed that the Iranian tanker Khark 5 was hit by Iraqi warplanes in a raid earlier yesterday on Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf.

It said the 284,632-ton super-tanker, owned by the state-run National Iranian Tanker Co., was set afire and two crewmen were wounded. The raid was the first in more than three months on the heavily defended terminal.

Lloyd's also identified the ship hit in a Feb 5 Iraqi raid as the 20,691-ton bulk carrier Iran Entekhab. It said one crewman was killed in that attack.

In Dubai, an Iranian diplomat told a news conference that Tehran has begun "massive production" of remote-controlled, pilotless drone aircraft which could be used for attacks on shipping.

Ahmed Ashraf Islami, Iran's consul general in UAE, said Iran also was producing a variety of missiles, including "powerful ballistic missiles with accurate targeting capabilities," and said the achievements meant the country had gained "self-sufficiency in military hardware."

A Soviet delegation had ended a visit to Baghdad after pledging readiness to consider an arms embargo against Iran for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, Baghdad Radio reported today.

A joint communique issued after the Soviets left last night "stressed the necessity to take all practical measures that will lead to the end of this tragic war."

## Conference on killer disease opens Closing of borders cannot curb AIDS

By Jadranka Porter

A HIGH-RANKING WHO official yesterday launched a strong appeal for frankness in dealing with AIDS and urged the member states of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region to focus their preventive efforts on public information campaigns rather than mandatory screening.

Speaking at the opening of Kuwait's second International Conference on AIDS, Dr. Joonath Mann, director of the WHO AIDS programme, said that it was the behaviour of people rather than laws and screening that would reduce the risk of infection.

**Isolation**

"Say no to exclusion, isolation and quarantines although they may appear politically and socially attractive. Closing borders to the disease has never worked," he told the participants in an inspiring speech which painted a grim picture of the epidemic's growth but also contained a hopeful note when he spoke about the global fight against the killer disease.

"People need to be motivated, informed and supported rather than threatened," he said. It is the strength of individual cultures, science and human solidarity which can effectively help fight AIDS," he said.

**Balance**

Dr. Hussein Gezairy, the WHO regional director, deplored the repeated calls for screening of all visitors to the region despite the WHO assurances that such practice was of little value.

"Iraq is the only country in the world that screened tourists for the virus. From March 1, AIDS test would be compulsory for new applicants for residence visas in Kuwait."

Kuwait's Minister of Health, Dr. Abdul Razzak Al Youssef, who opened the conference, said Kuwait has sought to balance the



Dr. Joonath Mann

human rights of those who were afflicted by the disease and others who were not.

But he pointed out that Kuwait's preventive measures would prove of little value unless there was public awareness and support for them.

Dr. Mann's call for openness seems to have elicited an instant response from Kuwait's Ministry of Health.

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## Aquino defends ban on maids

MANILA, Feb. 8, (AP): President Corazon Aquino said a temporary ban to prevent Filipino women from working overseas as domestics is intended to safeguard their welfare.

The government has announced that effective March 1, it will no longer certify permits for Filipino women to travel abroad to take jobs as domestics because of widespread complaints of sexual and other exploitation.

Most Filipino maids work in Hong Kong, Singapore, southern Europe and in the Middle East.

Critics claim the ban will deprive thousands of women of job opportunities and create hardship in a country whose domestic economy cannot provide enough well-paying jobs.

Mrs. Aquino said in her weekly radio broadcast last night that the government is looking for other ways to protect the women's safety.

In a related development, she said the Japanese government has agreed to certain measures to protect Filipino women working in Japan. She said Japan had agreed to process visa applications for female entertainers from the Philippines only after their contracts had been approved by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Philippine newspapers have published scores of reports quoting young women who claimed they were recruited as singers and dancers, only to be forced into prostitution once they reached Japan.

The number of Filipino women working abroad is believed to be in the hundreds of thousands. An exact figure is not available from the government because many do not apply for overseas work through government offices.

**Probe on torture**

MANILA, Feb. 8, (AP): President Corazon Aquino today ordered an investigation into a newspaper report that the military had tortured five alleged communist leaders arrested last week.

The leftist daily Malaya quoted defence lawyers Arno Sanidad and Romeo Capulong as saying their clients had been beaten and tortured while detained at a military camp.

## India to 'crush' Tigers by April

COLOMBO, Feb. 8, (Reuters): India says it will crush Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels by the end of April and start withdrawing its peacekeeping troops by July, a Sri Lankan government minister said today.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathudeni said that Indian officials have said their Army would crush Tamil rebels in the island's troubled Northern and Eastern provinces by the end of April.

The troops would then begin to leave Sri Lanka by July after provincial councils were set up.

Athulathudeni said: "They say... their programme is that by end of April they'll wrap up the north and east, so that we can then proceed towards elections."

"They say we start the (electoral) process by May and by July it's over. Then we get out. That's what they say."

Athulathudeni said the troop pullout timetable was discussed by Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi two weeks ago.

Jayewardene said in a BBC interview last night that the Tigers had lost their northern Jaffna stronghold to the Indians and were now holding out in the East.

"They will be defeated by Indian troops before April," he said.

**Deployed**

About 55,000 Indian troops have been deployed in the island to enforce the pact and disarm the Tigers.

Batticaloa police said the Tigers shot dead a government official yesterday because one of his relatives was believed to be helping the Indians.

Indian officials said one officer was injured in a shootout with Tamil rebels in northern Mankulam last Friday and denied residents' reports that nine Indian soldiers had been killed in the battle.

## Oman names first woman to top post

MUSCAT, Feb. 8, (AP): The Arab Gulf state of Oman, where until a few years ago girls were not allowed to go to school or university, has appointed a woman to a senior government post for the first time.

Rajha Ameer, 35, was named undersecretary for planning affairs at the technical secretariat of the State Development Council by royal decree at the weekend.

The English-language Oman Daily Observer quoted her as saying: "I'm very happy, not only for myself, but for all women."

Mrs. Ameer said: "It's a big step for us."

The sultanate, at the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula, did not even have schools for girls until 1970.

Mrs. Ameer had to study outside the country, majoring in mathematics in Baghdad.

She returned to Oman in 1972 to work as a statistician for the government.

## Children shot for violating curfew

KARACHI, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Pakistani troops shot and wounded three children violating a curfew imposed on a riot-torn section of Karachi, doctors said today.

They said the three, all suffering bullet wounds, were brought into hospitals from curfew zones last evening.

Police have not confirmed the reports.

## 6 killed in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Feb. 8, (Reuters): A local leader of the Communist Party of India and one of his co-workers were among six people killed overnight by Sikh extremists, police said today.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Top Somali politicians face death

MOGADISHU, Feb 8, (UPI): A Somali court sentenced to death eight people, including former top politicians, after finding them guilty of trying to overthrow the government of President Mohammed Said Barre, official sources said today.

The sources said former Vice President Ismail Ali Abu Bakr and former Foreign Minister Omer Arteh Ghalib were among those who will face the firing squad.

Several others were sentenced to life imprisonment at the end of the weeklong trial in Mogadishu Sunday.

The court met behind closed doors last week after a nearly six-year delay. More than 20 people, including former politicians, military and civilians, were believed to have been tried.

No reason has ever been given for the long delay in bringing the case to court and the charges were only made public last September.

The charges related to an alleged plot against the veteran Somali President, when the accused were said to have conspired with an unnamed foreign power to bring Barre down.

Requests by diplomats to observe the proceedings were turned down.

Government sources indicated the defendants were left-wing opponents of the President but few other details of the alleged plot were made available.

## Gambling fever grips Chinese

BEIJING, Feb 8, (Reuters): Chinese police are struggling to stamp out a nationwide gambling fever that has gripped Communist Party members, public officials and newly-rich peasants, official newspapers said today.

Illegal gamblers were rounded up at the rate of 1,700 a day last year for betting on cards, dice, billiards or even in roadside games to guess the last digits of oncoming cars, number plates, the China Daily said.

But the effect of the crackdown so far is that gambling sessions have become more secretive, the newspaper said.

"They are conducted in farmers' homes... pigsties and credit co-operatives, and even in the homes of Communist Party members and cadres," it said.

"The stakes are getting larger all the time... in some it has reached over 10,000 yuan (\$2,700)," the paper added.

All gaming, except for carefully-controlled charity lotteries, has been illegal in China since the Communist takeover in 1949.

## Afghan settlement activity gains momentum

# Cordovez flies back to Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Feb 8, (Reuters): UN mediator Diego Cordovez flew to Kabul again after more talks with Pakistan officials today amid a new flurry of diplomatic activity in search of peace in Afghanistan, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The trip is Cordovez's second to the Afghan capital in two days and the fourth since he began his present shuttle mission in the region on Jan 20 aimed at ending the nine-year-old guerrilla war in Afghanistan.

He returned to Islamabad last night after meeting Afghan President Najibullah who, according to the official Kabul Radio, assured him that the Soviet-backed Afghan government would be flexible in reaching a peace settlement.

The Pakistan spokesman said Cordovez met Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani for more than 30 minutes today and later left for Kabul.

He said he did not know how long Cordovez would stay in Kabul.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov was discussing the latest Soviet peace moves in Afghanistan with Indian

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi today before travelling to Islamabad, Indian officials said in New Delhi.

This follows a meeting in Rome between Indian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Natwar Singh and with former Afghan King Zahir Shah.

Confirmation of Vorontsov's visit to Islamabad was not immediately available from Pakistani officials but local newspaper reports said he would arrive on Tuesday.

With a precise timetable within compromising range, Cordovez, Pakistan, Moscow and Washington, which arms the resistance, have shifted their attention to talks on an interim government in Kabul once the Soviets end their occupation.

Meeting Cordovez met Saturday in Peshawar with Younis Khalis, chairman of a seven-party alliance of resistance groups, and representatives of each of the seven parties. He was expected to convey their positions to the Kabul authorities.

A foreign ministry source described Saturday's meeting as a "significant step" towards an interim government "which will enjoy the confidence of all the

Afghan people."

Khalis had refused to meet with Cordovez, insisting upon recognition as the main party in the dispute and a central role in negotiating a settlement. But Khalis said he agreed to the meeting at the insistence of Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

At the Pakistani border town of Dir, thousands of Afghan refugees and guerrillas aligned with moderate resistance leaders staged a rally Sunday calling for the return from Rome of exiled Afghan King Zahir Shah to lead an interim government, witnesses said.

Guerrillas fired shots into the air amid chants of "long live the revolution and 'Long live Zahir Shah'." The exiled King, who has often been mentioned by moderates as an acceptable head of a transitional government.

Zia's government is host to some three million refugees, has given sanctuary to the Afghan fighters and has acted as conduit for millions of dollars in aid to the Mujahadeen. He has pushed for an interim arrangement to ensure a binding Geneva settlement.



Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (right) shares a laugh with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov during discussion on Afghanistan. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Britain faces wave of labour unrest

# Ford workers go on strike

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuters): More than 32,000 Ford workers began their first national strike in 10 years today, shutting down Britain's largest car manufacturer in a wave of labour unrest that has disrupted ferries, coal mining and hospitals.

"It would appear that the strike is unanimous," a Ford spokesman said as the company's 22 plants came to a standstill.

The walkout began after Ford's 32,500 manual workers rejected a three-year pay offer linked to the introduction of new production methods.

"The workers have spoken by secret ballot and all Ford plants are shut down," union official Jimmie Airlie said.

Ford officials estimated the strike could cost the firm £17 million (\$30 million) daily in production losses.

The strike is the latest in a wave of labour disputes, involving nurses, seamen and miners, that has plagued Britain in recent weeks.

No 11th-hour efforts were made to avert the Ford walkout, which began despite initial support by the car workers' union leadership for the pay package.

A prolonged dispute would also affect Ford plants in Europe and component manufacturers in Britain, which suffered heavy losses during an eight-week strike at the company a decade ago.

"We have no wish for a long, damaging dispute which will be disastrous for the Ford Motor Company and would undermine and place in jeopardy the very real achievements of the last two years," Airlie said.

He said the union was ready to resume negotiations at any time. The company has said it would

withdraw its latest offer if the strike went ahead.

More disruption was reported at coal pits, where thousands of miners were sent home at the start of the morning shift because scheduled safety checks had not been carried out over the weekend by inspectors refusing to work overtime.

Ferry services were partly disrupted at Britain's busiest port, Dover, as seamen of the PO company continued their strike over threatened job cuts.

The walkout caused delays of up to 24 hours for lorry drivers waiting to cross to the continent.

The National Union of Seamen (NUS) faces possible seizure of its assets if it fails to convince a court that it complied with an injunction obtained by ferry owners obliging the union to call off earlier nationwide strikes.

## 21 die as commuter plane crashes

MUELHEIM, West Germany, Feb 8, (AP): A commuter airliner carrying 21 people on board crashed during a storm early today, police said. There were no reports of survivors.

Witnesses told police, the plane was on fire before it crashed.

"There was a fireball in the air," a police official said, describing eyewitness reports.

It was West Germany's worst plane crash in 17 years, according to the Federal Aviation Administration in Braunschweig. In September 1971, 21 people died when an airliner went down near Hamburg.

Authorities in Muelheim said an earlier police report, that a passenger had been pulled alive from the fuselage, was false.

"It looks worse than we thought," a police spokesman said.

He said the wreckage was scattered over a wide area.

Federal flight authorities in Frankfurt said the plane was on a scheduled flight from Hanover to Dusseldorf airport. The airport is located near Muelheim, about 20 kilometres north of Dusseldorf.

Winds Snow and rain squalls with gusty winds were moving through the region at the time of the crash, officials said.

A spokesman for federal flight control authorities in Frankfurt,

Hans-Ulrich Ohl, said the plane crashed early in the morning.

He said the plane, a twin-engine turboprop FA-4 metroliner, belonged to the Nuremberg flight service.

The spokesman said 19 passengers and two crew members were on board at the time of the crash.

He said the plane crashed about 11 kilometres from Dusseldorf airport.

"The aircraft just disappeared from our radar screens without warning," the spokesman said.

He said the plane did not crash in a residential area.

"As far as I know, there were no injuries on the ground," the spokesman said.

## Bangladesh police on alert after rural violence

DHAKA, Feb 8, (Reuters): Bangladesh police stepped up security in the countryside after seven people were killed in rural election campaign violence, officials said today.

One candidate was trampled to death by his opponents in the northern district of Faridpur on Sunday while a man was killed in clashes between rival groups in Chittagong in the south.

About 100 people were injured elsewhere in country in violence linked to Wednesday elections.

Last week five people were killed and at least 100 hurt across the country in election unrest marked by bombings and gun battles between rival groups, police said.

Police said they have ordered reinforced security in villages because of the unrest.

Although they cannot officially represent parties in the rural vote, most candidates in the local council elections are linked to major political parties.

Police fear that as a result there may be more violence in the run-up to parliamentary and municipal elections slated for March 3, as well as more unrest during Wednesday's voting.

The parliamentary polls are being boycotted by 21 opposition parties demanding the resignation of President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

Opposition leaders say they will not participate in any elections until Ershad steps down and transfers power to a caretaker government to ensure honest voting.

Nearly 50 people have been killed and hundreds arrested in clashes between police and protesters since the opposition started a campaign of strikes and demonstrations in November to force Ershad to quit.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### War crimes

VIENNA, Feb 8, (AP): A member of the panel probing Kurt Waldheim's wartime past was quoted today as saying the Austrian President, knew of Nazi war crimes while serving in the German Army, but did not participate in atrocities.

The head of the six-member commission, meanwhile, emphasised the report it had prepared after five months' work was "critical" and "severe."

"There is no personally guilty behaviour on his part, but he knew about what was taking place," the Bonn newspaper Die Welt quoted Manfred Messerschmidt as saying.

### Six climbers die

LONDON, Feb 8, (AP): Rescuers searching for two climbers missing in Wales after a blizzard found two bodies today, bringing to six the number of climbers killed in separate weekend accidents.

Air Force and volunteer teams found the two bodies in searches that began at dawn in Northern Wales, one in Snowdonia's Ogwen valley and the other in the Garm area of the mountains.

Two people were killed and three others injured yesterday in an avalanche in the Cheviot hills, on border between England and Scotland.

Two other climbers were killed in separate accidents on Saturday.

### Earthquakes

WASHINGTON, Feb 8, (UPI): Two earthquakes occurred early today in Mexico and California within 18 minutes of each other but 2,000 miles (3,200 km) apart, the US Geological Survey said.

There were no immediate reports of damage in either quake.

The stronger of the two was monitored at 5.8 magnitude and centered about 60 miles (90 km) northwest of Acapulco, Mexico, and southwest of Mexico City, said USGS spokesman Don Finley.

### Hamadi charged

FRANKFURT, Feb 8, (UPI): Mohammad Ali Hamadi was formally charged today with complicity in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner and the murder of one of its passengers, a US Navy diver, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office reported.

Hamadi was arrested at Frankfurt airport in January 1987 on his arrival from Beirut, but an indictment was not handed down until today. No date for his trial was set.

In indicting Hamadi, whose brother is on trial in Germany on a kidnapping charge, West Germany kept the promise it made in June to the United States to try him.

### Record flight

LONDON, Feb 8, (AP): A British Airways Concorde flew from New York to London in two hours, 55 minutes and 15 seconds, setting a record for the fastest Trans-Atlantic flight by a commercial aircraft, an airline spokesman said today.

The 3,660-mile (5,900-km) flight from New York's Kennedy airport to London's Heathrow yesterday trimmed 59 seconds off the previous record, set in January 1983, said British Airways spokesman John Chandler.

### Raymond Barre

PARIS, Feb 8, (AP): Former Premier Raymond Barre, an economics professor supported by the Centrist faction of France's ruling conservative coalition, announced today he will run in the April 24 presidential election.

## 15-year-old boy beaten to death

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other towns and refugee camps were also under curfew, confining more than 200,000 people to their homes.

In Tunis, the Arah League called today for international protection for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied Arah territories.

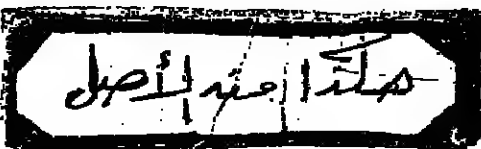
Arah League Secretary-General Chadli Klihi said in a statement that during the past two months of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers had violated the basic human rights of the Palestinians.

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# Habash praises Kuwait's stand on uprising

THE Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) George Habash, commended Kuwait's supportive stance for the three-month-old Palestinian uprising, hoping that the Kuwaiti stance would be taken as a model by other Arab countries.

In a telephone interview with Kuna from Damascus, Habash expressed his appreciation saying that the Kuwaiti reaction "reassures our people that they are not alone in the confrontation against Zionism."

In the meantime, Habash said that "no body owns the right to end the Palestinian uprising or holds the right to make truce with the Israeli enemy" except the unified leadership of Palestinians inside the occupied territories.

**Damage**  
Any interference from outside, he told Kuna, "would damage the uprising," which was ignited by 40 years of continued oppression and unfair treatment by occupation forces.

The uprising, in its third month now, started on December 8 by random strikes and unorganised demonstrations. Two weeks after that, local Palestinian groups began to carry on the uprising using small committees to coordinate activities and organise the upheaval to make it more effective.

**Misrepresented**  
The remarks by Habash were in response to an earlier report by an Israeli newspaper quoting a senior Palestinian source close to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat saying that the PLO might consider making a truce with Israel on the uprising if Israel stops firing at unarmed Palestinians.

The Palestinian source, the

information counselor to Arafat, later said the paper misrepresented his statements, noting that he told the paper that the condition is to withdraw from the occupied territories.

Asked about the "ship of return," which will sail Wednesday from Greece to Haifa in Israel, Habash said that his organisation supported the idea and the executive committee of the PLO made the decision.

The ship will carry over 100 Palestinians who have been deported from Palestine by Israeli authorities. It will peacefully attempt to enter the port of Haifa and unboard the passengers. Israel, however, will resist the move and block the ship's path.

**Disarm**  
Habash was also asked about the tour by Richard Murphy, the senior American diplomat responsible for Middle East affairs.

Habash expressed anger and dismay over the purpose of the trip, which has included so far Syria and Saudi Arabia, and later Egypt and Israel.

After the US used its veto against a resolution condemning Israel, reception of Murphy by an Arab regime is a cause for regret," the PFLP leader said.

He added that Murphy himself will find out no party can play a role in aborting the Palestinian uprising.

Meanwhile, the Fatah

movement's revolutionary council has lauded the courageous stand of HM the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah towards the Palestinian uprising.

In a statement issued in Beirut, yesterday, Fatah's official spokesman, Atif Abu Bakr, welcomed the Amir's position towards the popular revolt in occupied Palestine and called on the governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) "to follow suit and adopt this courageous Arab stance."

The spokesman said the audience of the Amir of Kuwait to a delegation representing the Palestinian community in Kuwait and his (Amir) firm pledge towards the popular upheaval in Palestine "have cut the road for anyone attempting to exploit the revolt or steal this struggle."

**Support**  
The statement called on Arab countries to adopt more clear and supportive stance towards the popular uprising which has been raging on for more than two months.

The Amir of Kuwait last Wednesday urged prompt effective support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands and warned against recent settlement proposals intended "to foil this Palestinian revolution."

"If our Palestinian brethren felt that no one was backing them, frustration would creep to them. Therefore, it's our duty to support them not by words, statements and Army parades but rather by action and prompt backing," the Amir said during an audience he granted to Palestinian community's representatives in Kuwait last week.



The fourth civil defence course ended at the Officers Training Institute of the Police Academy. The five week course was attended by 15 Kuwaiti and six Qatari officers. The closing ceremony was attended by the assistant undersecretary for police affairs at the Interior Ministry, Brigadier Mohammed Ahmed Al Qabandi, and the director-general of Police Academy Colonel Abdullah Al Roumi. Picture shows the senior officers and graduates.

## Many factors responsible for wrong diagnosis

### Doctors alone should not be blamed

DOCTORS in Kuwait have said that responsibility for wrong diagnosis should not be theirs only. They said that many persons and factors should also shoulder this responsibility, although they admitted that an important part was their responsibility.

They said that factors such as wrong information supplied by the patients or wrong interpretations of foreign patients as well as overcrowding were some other important causes for wrong diagnosis.

Head of the surgery department at Sabah Hospital, Dr Saddam Sabri, attributed the causes of wrong diagnosis to doctors and partly to patients when they gave wrong information, did not obey the doctor's instructions and did not carry the necessary tests.

He stressed that diagnosis depends greatly on cooperation between doctors and patients. He added that wrong diagnosis may result from negligence on part of doctors or failure to perform their duties correctly. For example, if doctors are required to visit a patient every 15 minutes and they do not, their diagnosis will probably be wrong.

**Follow up**  
He said that wrong diagnosis may also be a result of shortage in some equipment or medicines or operation theatres or overcrowding.

He said that three committees were formed by the Health Ministry last September to follow up operations at hospitals.

He said the first committee will examine whether the surgery was necessary or not and whether the diagnosis was correct. Other

committees will follow up how the operation was carried out during anaesthesia.

He admitted that in Kuwait there was a lack of confidence in doctors and the formation of some committees aimed also at restoring this confidence.

**Poll**

He stressed that if the committees find out that doctors committed mistakes because of negligence, they will be penalised, adding that some doctors who had made mistakes had been already penalised. He said that if a file of a doctor contained several mistakes, it would affect his chances of keeping his job intact.

Dr Sabri said that an opinion poll will be held very shortly at all hospitals in Kuwait to ask the opinion of patients about the

## Kuwait's stability lauded

TOKYO, Feb 8, (Kuna): Kuwait is enjoying great stability, freedom and prosperity, a major Japanese newspaper said today. Japan's influential economic daily, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, has published a dispatch from its Bahrain-based correspondent Wa Ki following his trip to Kuwait.

He asserted that Kuwait was hardly affected by last October crash of shares on Wall Street, better known as "Black Monday," and the Arab Gulf country has come out unscathed due to the wise investment policy.

Under the bannerline "Kuwaiti society — where stability is assured," the writer said he witnessed continued stability in the Kuwaiti stock exchange market. Wa Ki said visitors to Kuwait get the impres-

sion of a solid stable country, where there is no effect of any sort from the Iraq-Iran war and no fear due to the ongoing conflict or any trace of tension on the people there.

### Recovered

Kuwaiti investments are increasing in various parts of the world, the stock market has recovered from the 1982 shock and Kuwait now ranks as the region's most stable country, he said.

A Kuwaiti market dealer told the Japanese reporter "all is fine on the market and we feel everything is moving natural."

In the meantime, an Information Ministry official, also unnamed, assured Wa Ki that foreign journalists are free to go anywhere in Kuwait.

Some Japanese thought that the eight-year old Gulf war at the door-step of Kuwait could be of some effect on the life of the Kuwaiti peoples they read often about ships which are attacked in the Arabian Gulf waters, hence Wa Ki reassured his Japanese audience, dispelling their wrong notions.

## Joint livestock ventures

AHMED Al Naqib, the Assistant Director General for Technical Affairs at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, said yesterday's meeting between the livestock company and poultry farm owners was aimed at coordinating the work in Kuwait with similar farms and companies in the Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

Al Naqib said the meeting was held at the request of the GCC General Secretariat in order to organise joint livestock ventures and to develop and protect national foodstuffs commodities of the member states.

Kuwait's poultry industry covers about 40 per cent of Kuwait's need, for chicken, he said, and 45 per cent of the consumption of eggs.

He added that the authority was looking forward to the realisation of self-sufficiency for Kuwait in these areas.

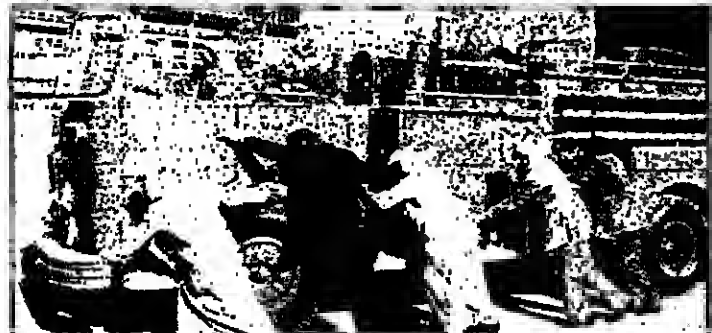
## Fire truck presented to science museum

KUWAIT Science Museum celebrated the presentation of a fire truck which had been in service by the General Fire Department since August 20, 1957.

The fire truck an American-made Crown coach, was valued at 250 rupees at the time it was first used in Kuwait, and will be displayed in the museum as part

of an exhibit depicting the development of machines and transportation in Kuwait.

The celebration was attended by the museum's Secretary General Hamad Al Ateeqi, the Deputy Director General of the Fire Department Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahim and Ali Al Qabandi, the Director of Public Relations.



A Crown coach fire truck, used by the General Fire Department from 1957 to 1986, is pushed into place after being presented to the Kuwait Science Museum.



The museum's Secretary General Hamad Al Ateeqi (third, left) looks at the programme at the museum's ceremony celebrating the presentation of the fire truck.

## Afghan foreign minister ends Kuwait visit

AFGHAN Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil left Kuwait yesterday after a visit barely mentioned by the government media, apparently to avoid stirring sensitivities because he represents a pro-Soviet government fighting Muslim nationalists, informed sources reported.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Wakil "met" with Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and other leaders to discuss the Afghan problem and the Gulf situation.

Kuwait and other Gulf Arab Muslim countries have called for an end to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan and Afghan people's right to self-determination.

Saudi Arabia had made the issue of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union dependent on a Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

In the only interview he gave during his three-day visit to Kuwait, Wakil told the Arab Times that he carried a message for the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, from Afghan leader Najibullah "dealing with bilateral relations, explaining the recent developments in Afghanistan and expressing support for Kuwait's Arab and Islamic policies."

Wakil visited Kuwait in the course of a Middle East tour. The Kuwaiti news agency said he flew to Tripoli, Libya. He was also scheduled to visit Syria and Jordan.

### 19 accidents

A MAN was rushed to hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained when his car overturned after colliding with two other cars on the Airport Road.

There were 19 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, with three taking place in the capital, three in Hawalli, ten in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

## Licence renewal taking too long, complain shop owners

SHOP owners in Kuwait have complained that licence renewal takes too long with some ministries and demanded that renewal should be required every three years instead of yearly.

They called on officials to try to facilitate the licensing procedures in their departments.

One restaurant owner Mohammed Zuhair said that renewals involve different authorities, each with different requirements. For example, the General Fire Department requires safety equipment and fire extinguishers, subject to special conditions, while the Ministry of Commerce and Industry ensures that the shop practices commercial activities.

**Fines**  
He added that shop owners suffer from exorbitant fines imposed by Municipality officials and called on the Municipality to direct their inspectors to avoid prejudice in their fines.

Mohammed Sadeq, another owner, said that renewals take a long time and must be continuously followed up by the owners. He said that the licence for the shop sign takes about two weeks to be issued by the Municipality.

Khaled Abdul Rahim said that in the past commercial licences were valid for five years, which, he added, was a reasonable licensing period.

Jarallah Al Fadhli, a video shop owner, said the Information Ministry takes a long time to censor videos and records. He requested that officials decrease some of the paperwork required for video shops.

Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti daily interviewed the Director of Food Licensing at Kuwait Mun-

### Khudari forms five committees

KUWAIT'S Education Ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari recently formed five committees for health control and supervision of school cafeterias and canteens.

These committees will evaluate the health conditions in the ministry schools and review the reports submitted by the Municipality inspectors.

They will also represent a link between the Education and Public Health Ministries and Kuwait Municipality.

### Three new telephone exchanges to be opened soon

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharan will open three telecommunications and postal exchanges this month. The Shuwaikh exchange will open on the 10th, Juleeb Al Shiyukh on the 16th and Jahra on the 20th.

The Shuwaikh central exchange will have a 30 thousand line capacity, Juleeb Al Shiyukh, and Jahra will have a 10 thousand line capacity.

These exchanges will also offer postal, telephone and telegram services, with each exchange housed in a six storey building.

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## Kuwait is not against having dialogue with Iran: Osaimi

BEIRUT, Feb. 8. (Kuna). Kuwait's State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, was quoted here today as saying that Kuwait is not against opening a dialogue with Tehran's leaders on ending the tension in the Gulf area.

The Kuwaiti minister was also quoted as saying that US-Soviet agreement can ease tension in the world, especially the Arabian Gulf region.

Al Osaimi's remarks were made in an interview with the weekly Lebanese Al Oubou'a Al Arabi published here today.

Kuwait does not object to opening a dialogue with Iran "because Kuwait seeks understanding and believes in good neighbourhood," the minister stressed.

### Retaliate

Iran is to be blamed for the interruption of negotiations with the Gulf countries, Al Osaimi said, adding that Kuwait has always kept its nerves cool in dealing with Iran.

He cited the invasion and ransacking of the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran several years ago as example of Iran's hostilities.

"Despite their occupation of our embassy and their burning of our properties in Tehran, we did not retaliate. We respected the status of the Iranian embassy in Kuwait," Al Osaimi stressed.

"We do not call for dialogue only for the sake of dialogue," he

said, "but for more normalisation of relations which would eliminate reasons for tension and make dialogue more viable and reasonable."

"We believe in co-existence that transforms the Gulf area into a one of constructive interaction," the Kuwaiti official told the magazine.

### Lesson

On the American naval presence in the Arabian Gulf, he said that the "decision to protect international waterways is an American decision and does not concern Kuwait more than it concerns all countries of the region."

The US and several European countries that maintain military presence in the Gulf protect their shipping in the waters of the Gulf against attacks by Iran.

Asked about Soviet-US contacts on a second UN resolution that would impose sanctions against the party that rejects peace calls, the Kuwaiti State Minister said that "undoubtedly interests of the superpowers play a role in applying UN resolution 598."

"A concord between the superpowers could lessen tension in many areas in the world, especially the Gulf," he added.

Meanwhile, Al Osaimi said that what links Kuwait with Iraq is "national Arab commitments and fraternity obligations."

"We are committed to what is

agreed upon in the Arab League charter and the Arab joint defence agreements," he stressed.

Osaimi strongly denied reports that spoke of sending Egyptian troops and arms to Kuwait to fend off any foreign threat.

He said the subject of Egyptian military assistance to Kuwait was not discussed between HH the Amir of Kuwait and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt during the latter's visit to Kuwait last month.

The states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, he maintained, are serious in enhancing their joint security. The GCC states have a joint military force numbering some 12,000 troops.

While stressing that any threat against any GCC country would be considered against all of them, he emphasised on the need to surpass Arab conflicts and come under one flag.

The minister also spoke on the Palestinian uprising, saying that it served as a unification factor and that it should be employed in regaining the usurped rights of the Palestinian people.

Meanwhile Al Osaimi today met with Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait Ernest Zverev.

The meeting tackled bilateral ties between the two countries, the situation in the Arab and the Gulf region and issues of mutual concern to the two countries.



● The Undersecretary of the Defence Ministry, Faisal Al Dawood, accompanied by assistant undersecretaries, visited the military installations department on Sunday morning. They were received by the assistant undersecretary for military installations. They toured the different sections and inspected new advanced equipment. Al Dawood (centre) is seen with other officials.

## Closing of borders cannot curb AIDS

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Yesterday a ministry source told the Arab Times that a green light was given to the officials to speak freely about the disease. Last Sunday the Health Ministry admitted for the first time that 15 AIDS carriers were identified in the country.

But there are no AIDS cases in Kuwait. "I understand that Kuwait has adopted an open policy now," Mann told the Arab Times.

Referring to Kuwait's practice of deporting expatriate AIDS carriers Mann said: "We have told Kuwait and will tell them again that such policies are not going to be effective."

He urged the national health authorities to include counselling in their information and education programmes which are considered the most effective weapon in the fight against AIDS.

"Private counselling can make a difference between life and death," Mann said, pointing out that AIDS carriers or those who fear they have been infected are apprehensive about confiding in friends and relatives.

A total of 77,266 AIDS cases were reported to WHO by the end of January but the actual number is estimated to be 150,000. Mann predicted that another 150,000 new cases of AIDS will occur during this year, reflecting the rapid growth of the epidemic. He said Asian coun-

tries accounted for only one per cent of the total number of reported cases but warned that the rate of increase in Asia was the same as that in other continents.

AIDS has spread to virtually all the nations in the world. We are going to fight it for the rest of our lives," said Mann.

In Asia the disease has been transmitted mainly through imported blood and sexual contact while in the West, homosexual and bisexual men and drug users were the major affected groups. Mother to child transmission has been evident in the West and Africa. The conference which ends tomorrow will today discuss the epidemiological aspects of AIDS infection and the socio-economic impact of the fatal disease.



Dr. Abdul Razzak Al Yusuf appeals for public support to preventive measures.



The conference participants at the pharmaceutical exhibition.

## Role of companies in traffic safety discussed

KUWAIT'S Road Safety Society discussed the work of private societies and companies in traffic safety at its weekly seminar, with Adnan Al Loughani from Kuwait Teachers Society as one of the featured speakers.

Al Loughani said the Islamic religion encouraged the work of volunteers, adding that patriotism was an effective way of handling the problems of young people. He said that if youth are taught the importance of their efforts in helping their country, traffic accidents could be minimised.

### Volunteer

He urged private societies and companies to arrange seminars focussing on traffic awareness and safety and to provide the necessary statistics to help employees understand the magnitude of the problem.

## Campers harm desert environment

IBRAHIM Hadi, the director of the environmental protection department and secretary of the Environmental Protection Council at Kuwait's Public Health Ministry, said the desert environment is severely harmed by campers. He added that campers damage desert plants and soil and drive away wild animals and birds.

He said that a special committee had been set up seven years ago and had issued a guide for campers. The committee also printed a book on Kuwait's desert plans and established centres offering health services in different camping areas, and produced a television programme on environmental problems which is shown twice a month on KTV, he said.

## NHA studying development of popular housing

ALI Al Fouzan, the Assistant Director General of Kuwait's National Housing Authority for Technical Affairs, said the NHA is studying the development of popular housing in Jahra, Sulaibiya and Umm Al Haiman, which is known locally as Shaabiya.

Al Fouzan said these studies would be reviewed by the Higher Housing Council upon completion and that the authority had no plans to remove these houses at present. He added that it would be at least three years before the houses would be demolished and substitute housing would have to be found before asking residents to vacate.

## Nawaf holds talks with French official

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday exchanged with president of the French Office General Del Air, General Jacques Mitterrand, currently on a visit here, cordial talks and discussed bilateral relations in the military sphere and means of boosting them.

The meeting was attended by the Kuwaiti Army's Chief of the General Staff, defence undersecretary and deputy Chief-of-Staff for logistics and supply. General Mitterrand and the accompanying delegation will confer in the course of their few days visit with senior Kuwaiti officials in the defence and foreign ministries.

## Typing course

THE third secretarial and typing course began yesterday at the Non-commissioned Officers' Institute.

The opening ceremony was attended by the director of the Institute, Lt Col Yousef Al-Saudi, and the assistant director Major Bader Al Idan.

## Dubious offer designed to perpetuate occupation

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers yesterday paid tribute to the Palestinian "stone-throwers" as their uprising entered its third successive month in the Israeli-occupied territories.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received the Minister of the Amin Diwan, Sheikh Khalid Al Ahmad.

Sheikh Saad also received the head of the higher committee of the National Day celebrations and the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmad, the Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Al Nouri.

Sheikh Saad also received the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai and the Minister of Public Works, Abdel Rahman Al Houti.

Sheikh Saad later received the head of the preparatory committee of the Arab cooperative conference Barak Al Noon, Dr Rasha Al Sabah, the board chairman and members of Kuwait Education Society and president of the Farmers Federation, Ghannam Al Jumhour.

Sheikh Saad also received a number of citizens in the public diwan.

### Cable of thanks

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received a cable of thanks from Vice-Chairman of the International Union and President at the Asian Union of Sports reporters, Abdul Mohsen Al Housseini.

The cable appreciated Kuwait's hosting of a sports reporting forum from February 1 to 7.

The Crown Prince in a reply cable expressed his gratitude and praised the forum for its concern to promote sports reporting and sports movement in the world.

Sheikh Saad also received a cable of thanks from the chairman of Kuwait shooting committee Sheikh Salmaan Sabah Al Salem.

The cable came in appreciation of Sheikh Saad's patronage of the first shooting championship, which was held recently in Kuwait.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### US, Israel seeking a way out of the dilemma

THE Kuwait daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday accused the United States and Israel of short-sightedness in seeking a way out of the dilemma of the popular uprising in occupied Palestine while ignoring the glaring facts of the situation.

The mistake the United States is committing is that "it wants the Palestinians to go back to being tame prisoners of the Israeli occupation" while it looks for a solution that embraces the old American-Israeli stance, which, the newspaper said, the uprising has quashed.

The newspaper said that the two-month-long popular uprising that engulfed occupied Palestine has proved beyond any doubt that contrary to American-Israeli claims the PLO is not a terrorist organisation but a true representative of the Palestinians and that the international peace conference is the only acceptable solution.

"Israel has no choice but to accept the fact that those who have been demonstrating for two months are the core of the crisis and are the ones most concerned with the international conference, together with their colleagues outside Palestine," Al Rai Al Aam said.

Because Israel is incapable of bringing an end to the uprising, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Richard Murphy has come to the region in a futile attempt to prepare the climate for a fresh initiative which will be equally fruitless, the newspaper predicted.

### Iraqi Army's role praised

ANOTHER daily yesterday praised the effective role played by the Iraqi popular Army (militia) in defence of Iraq and in protection of the "eastern gate" of the Arab homeland.

Commemorating the 18th anniversary of the Iraqi popular Army, Al Anbaa newspaper said while the Iraqi Army proved to be the "honest guard" of the eastern Arab borders, the popular Army also affirmed that it has been constituting the second defensive line in front of the Iranian aggression.

This Army, which has acquired deep-rooted expertise in warfare asserted its full efficiency and success in conjunction with planning, organization, and practice, said the paper.

The striking Iraqi military force, Al Anbaa said, was the decisive factor that motivated the Iranians to "postpone" and maybe to "cancel" their long-proclaimed new attack.

The Iranians had to think a thousand times before launching an offensive, because they had become aware of Iraq's strength both in its military potential and internal cohesion.

## GULF PRESS

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## Palestinians hold rally



Participants in the meeting at Jabriya.

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A PUBLIC rally was held in Jabriya on Sunday at the Palestinian Social Affairs and aid for Martyrs and Captives Families premises.

The deputy speaker of the Palestinian National Council, Salim Zanoon, delivered a speech in which he warned against a potential Zionist

scheme to counteract the objectives of the Palestinian uprising in Palestine which has been going on for over 60 days.

He criticised the passive Arab attitude to the uprising which required urgent action at both Arab and International levels aimed at further support and solidarity with the Palestinians suffering inhuman practices by their coloniser.

Zanoon strongly denounced the ruthless Israeli practices against children, women and old men, and criticised the lack of international condemnation and intervention. He emphasised the Arab identity of the Palestinians.

A sit-in was staged at the PLO office in Kuwait in support of the uprising. It was attended by Zanoon, Awad Battash and many Palestinians.

## Lecture on cleanliness

MUTLAQ Al Bighaili, the cleanliness director of Kuwait Municipality's Third Area, in a lecture on public cleanliness, said that maintaining a clean environment was an important precept

in Islam.

He said the Municipality's Cleanliness Department specialised in the removal and disposal of garbage from houses and debris from construction sites.

He added that they were also responsible for the removal of demolished cars left along roads.

Al Bighaili announced that the Municipality plans to establish a factory to change organic waste to fertiliser, adding that half of the garbage collected from houses could be used as fertiliser.

The Municipality will also study the establishment of tyre manufacturing plants, the recycling of engine oil and scrap metal.

The new Cleanliness Law was also explained in Municipality inspectors during the lecture.

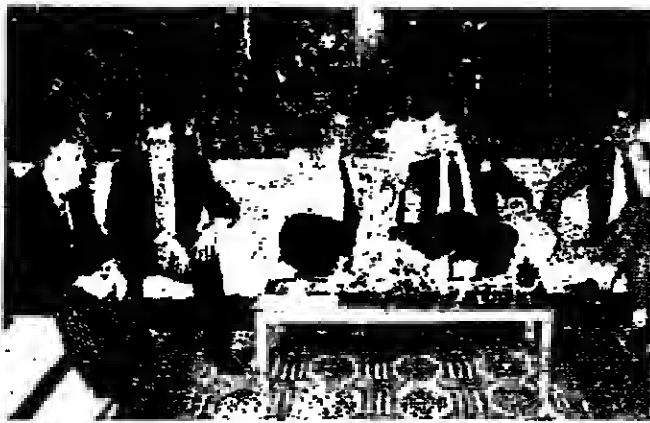
## Telephone services in Sulaibiya

THE Director of Area One at Kuwait's Communications Ministry Faisal Al Omar said that the ministry provides all subscribers with telephone services impartially and that it was always trying to make its services easily available.

He said at a press conference held in the ministry yesterday that the ministry would provide all needed telephone subscriber services in Sulaibiya before mid-April, and that the reason for the delayed connection of this service was purely technical.

He added that other reasons for this delay included the fact that the Sulaibiya exchange office was not yet technically equipped, but its current capacity was 10,000 lines compared to 5,000 applicants.

## Directors visit on Feb 8, 88



Holiday Inn Kuwait welcomes Vice Presidents and Directors from London who are here on a brief visit with the new owners of Holiday Inn International, Bass Pic, to look over the Gulf properties. During their visit they will meet with Mr Jawad Bukhamseen and Dr Mansour Bukhamseen, also the management and staff.

The VIP guests are

Mr David Woodward  
Regional Vice President  
Operations

Mr Alan Parker  
Vice President, Operations  
Europe, ME & Africa

Mr Peter Malone  
Director of Finance

Mr Michel Karam  
District Director for the Gulf



Filfila (Americana) inaugurated their new outlet at Jalib Al Shuyukh Co-operative Society on Monday, 25/1/88. Mr. Lufi Al Huraibi, a member of the Co-op's Board of Directors, and the General Manager of the Co-op Mr Salah Fouad attended the opening.

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## American surgeon revisits Kuwait

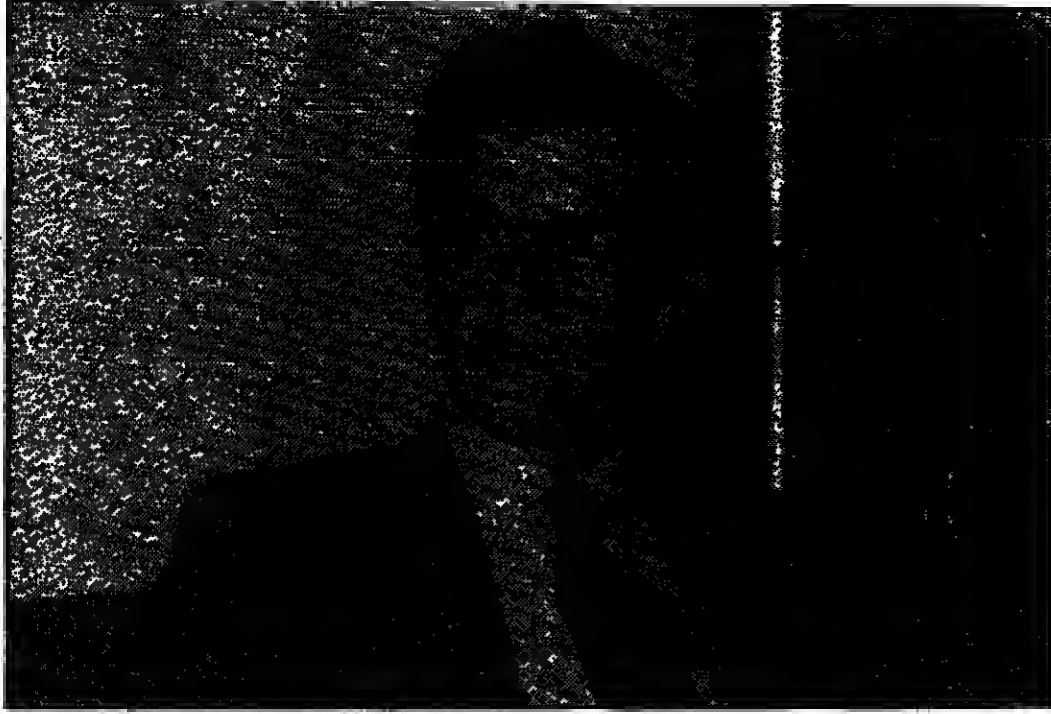
## Exotic story of childhood memories

By Jadranka Porter

THE early life of Dr. Timothy Harrison, an American surgeon who visited Kuwait last week, is an exotic story of a happy childhood spent in the deserts on the fringe of the Arabian Gulf and at a cool hill-station in southern India. It is a story in which desert rulers of the littoral states made frequent appearances, in which his only playmates at one point, apart from his siblings, were the Omani boys, and in which home was where his father, a medical missionary, was needed. There is a tragic twist too. Dr. Harrison's mother died some time after his birth leaving behind four children. At about the same time, another death took place in the area. An American missionary was killed by fanatics in southern Iraq leaving behind a widow and four children. The two families, struck by sorrow and a feeling of happiness was restored much to the delight of the eight children. "Like the Arabs I too grew up in an extended family," says Dr. Harrison.

Bond  
This is how Dr. Harrison was introduced to the Gulf. But at the age of twelve his colourful sojourn in the region came to a halt when his father decided that his children "should be raised as the American boys and girls were". So in 1932 he left for the United States and did not return to the Gulf until much later in life.

Browsing through his and his family's past last week, it was



Dr. Timothy Harrison: "I want to be where I am needed."

clear that Dr. Harrison's childhood experiences have produced a bond of affection for the Gulf which extends to the present day.

He has maintained links with Kuwait's health authorities from 1968 when he was a professor at the American University of Beirut. When Kuwait's medical school opened, he became a regular visitor and sat on the board of the school's external examiners. Among the most treasured tributes he received in Kuwait was the one related to his father's, rather than his own services.

"In 1968 I met my father's former patients in Kuwait. 'Your father came to us when we were poor', they said. That was a real compliment to my father's 40-year long career in the Gulf," said Harrison.

His father arrived in Basra in 1910. Two years later he was in Kuwait and from then until 1955 he travelled up and down the Gulf, making his home first in Kuwait where he helped set up the American Mission hospital. Later he moved on to

Bahrain and Oman. Harrison's sister was born in Kuwait in 1924 but he was born in Kodakana, a hill station in India where the Harrisons were spending the summer of 1927. His father was the doctor assisting the delivery.

## Memories

Among his father's many patients were Sheikh Mubarak Al Sabah, the Amir of Kuwait and Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, the King of Saudi Arabia. When Timothy Harrison was nine the son of Oman's Sultan (Sultan

Qaboos's father) came for tea to the Harrisons and poured out his problems. He was the heir to the throne but he was worried sick that he might have to share power when his time came because his father was planning to marry a Japanese woman who may bear him sons.

Harrison remembers well Colonel Dickson and Dame Violet Dickson, whom he visited last week. He left Kuwait when Dr. and Mrs. Scudder, another couple who dedicated their lives to the well being of the Kuwaitis, were about to arrive in the country. Last week he shared a few memories with Mrs. Scudder who still lives in Kuwait.

With heat and dust, no electricity and running water, life must have been tough those days but Harrison says they were used to those conditions.

"My parents looked upon their life in the Gulf as an opportunity rather than deprivation," he says. Some of that attitude rubbed off on him. "I enjoy problems, I want to be where I am needed," says Harrison. A professor of surgical oodocrology at the State University of Pennsylvania, Harrison finds time for projects in Pakistan, the Arab world and Africa.

Kuwait has made big strides in medical care from the time he first visited the country as a doctor. His advice to Kuwait's medical professionals is to work hard and objectively to develop high quality of medical education and reach out to countries less well off.

## Majda makes Bahrain debut

her in the wings. Her singing style in the beginning of her career was reminiscent of Leila Murad's who Majda emulated. However, over the years, she has switched to more patriotic songs — tender ballads of love of country, of a yearning for peace and co-existence — using down-to-earth lyrics that fire the imagination of her fervent following.

Acting  
In the 1970s, Yusef Shaboo, one of the world's

celebrated cinema directors, heard of Majda and brought her to Cairo where she started in several of his films. After an admittedly lukewarm reception in the cinema, it was obvious that Majda's true talents lay in her singing — not her acting.

Scores of records and cassette tapes later, Majda has been heralded as a singing sensation across the Arab world where, her recent shows in Jordan and Tunisia, for instance, have drawn upwards of 20,000 fans

each evening. But her fame has spread far beyond the Middle East. Majda has been acclaimed from the US to Europe with successful tours of Brazil and Canada.

The star with jet-black hair and dark eyes still has a disarmingly shy smile and a seriousness when she sings that inspires and appeals to her captive audiences. Much of that natural magic charm may be due to the way of life of her native Mount Lebanon, a region famed for its authenticity of traditions and its flair for the use of Arabic.

Tickets for the Bahrain show are expected to be snatched up by an enthusiastic following on the island and neighbouring Gulf states.

## Chamber music from London

LONDON, (LPS): The BBC World Service is broadcasting a series of weekly live London concert performances by leading international chamber musicians from as far afield as Italy, Bulgaria and Australia, as well as the United Kingdom.

Each Sunday at 15.15 hours Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) — repeated Tuesdays at 21.15 GMT — until March 13, 1988, there will be recitals from the BBC concert hall in London.

On Feb 14 the International Recital programme will feature mezzo-soprano Susan Kessler, who has appeared in Oratorio and orchestral co-concerts throughout Europe, eastern Asia, Israel and her native Australia. With piano accompanist Gordon Black, she will perform love songs appropriate from St Valentine's Day by composers such as Dvorak and Rodgigo.

Star musician on Feb 21 will be the Bulgarian violinist Vanya Milanova. Born in Razgrad, she studied at the conservatory in Sofia and has travelled widely, winning prizes in major competitions in Brussels, Genoa and Moscow, and as a co-concerto soloist with many of Europe's leading orchestras. For International Recital, Vanya Milanova will play pieces by Schubert, Bloch, Tchaikovsky and Wieniawski.

Victor Saorgio — the featured performer on March 6 — was born in Italy in 1959, and moved with his family to Australia, aged four, later returning to study in Rome. This talented pianist is currently based in London, but is planning a major tour of Australia in 1988. His BBC concert will comprise sonatas by Mozart and Janacek and a work by Debussy.

Contributions  
Among other contributors to the International Recital series are 29-year-old pianist, Hugh Tinsley, from Dublin, in the Irish Republic, who has given recitals in more than 30 countries. He will perform sonatas by Chopin

and Antonio Soler on 7 February.

British chamber musicians featured in recital will be the Roth Quartet — three men and one woman on violins, cello and viola, who take their name from their teacher, the distinguished Hungarian violinist, Nicholas Roth. They are recent prize winners in competitions in the United Kingdom, France and Austria, and performed a complete Beethoven cycle in Sanz, Spain, on 28 February, the Roth Quartet will play string pieces by Haydn and Vaughan Williams.

The International Recital programmes will end on March 13, with a concert by one of the world's leading medieval music ensembles, Britalia's Gothic Voices. Two tenors and a contralto, accompanied by the quartet's founder, Christopher Page, a medieval lute player, will provide a programme based on 14th century English, French and Italian songs.

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David Buckley

## Buckley gets new BBC job

DAVID BUCKLEY has been appointed Assistant Head of the BBC Arabic Service and took up his post recently. He succeeds Sam Younger who has become head of Current Affairs World Service.

Buckley, who is joining the Arabic Service at the start of its 50th Anniversary year, has had a wide range of experience in the BBC External Services. A specialist in East European politics and culture, he lectured to Russian language and literature at Liverpool University before joining the BBC Russian Service in 1973. He was later appointed head of the Bulgarian Service and in 1983 was promoted to Assistant Head of the Latin America Service.

As Assistant Head of the BBC Arabic Service, Buckley will be working in the largest of the BBC's language services which broadcasts to the Middle East and North Africa for 63 hours a week.

Buckley has visited the Middle East on holiday, and will be taking a course in Arabic shortly. "The Middle East is a very important area to the BBC," says David Buckley, "and I am enormously excited by the challenge of the task ahead."

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'Laeb: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 World News via Satellite
- 4.15 Gbuyoum Bila Matar: new daily serial, featuring Mahmoud Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Essa, Rashida Dajani
- 5.15 Al Manahil: children's serial, starring Ahmed Qawadri, Tayseer Attiya
- 6.15 Agricultural Magazine: local programme
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizons
- 7.35 Al Quds: 20 years On: "Al Mujtama'h Al Askari" Part 6
- 8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by

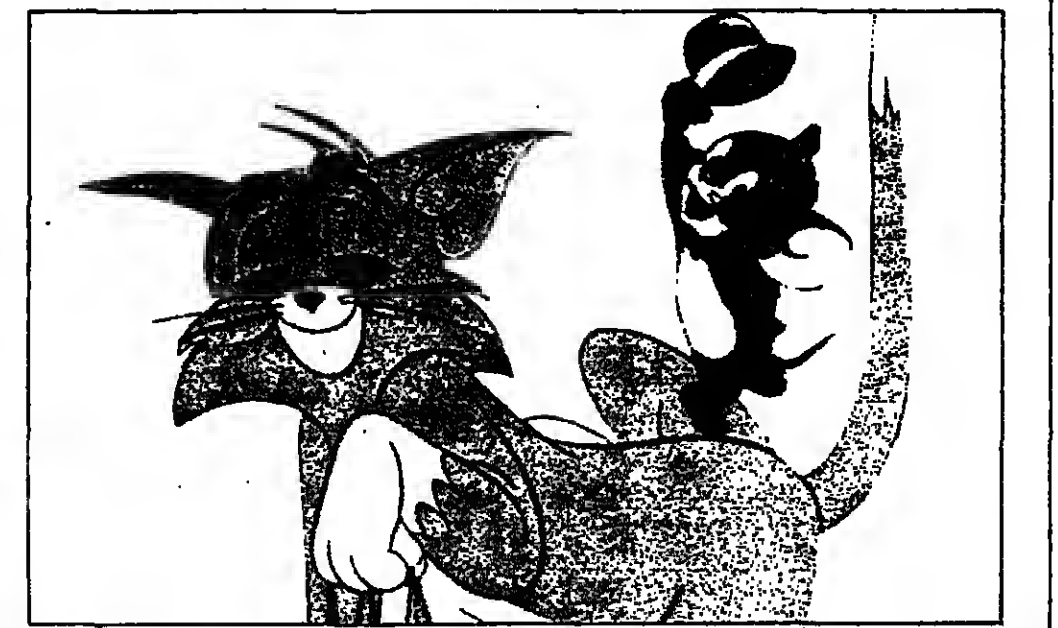
- 8.15 Sheikh Ali Al Jassar. Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait: Focus on 1968. Hosted by Saif Marzouk Shamian
- 10.50 Rabeef FAl Aasaf: daily Arabic serial, starring Mustafa Fahmi, Hioa Tharwath, Hussein Sharbini, Ahsan Qalawi..
- 11.30 News Summary
- 11.35 World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 5.00 Holy Quran
- 5.45 Live telecast of opening ceremony of third GCC Tennis Championship
- 7.15 Beyond 2000: a look at the latest advances in science and tech-

- nology.
- 8.00 News in English.
- 8.40 You and the Law: a local programme
- 8.50 Heart of the City: "Don't Sell Yourself." Kennedy is assigned to protect a singer, who is being blackmailed. On the home front, he has trouble with his daughter.
- 9.30 Documentary on Kuwait.
- 10.00 Tracey Ullman Show: comedy
- 10.30 The Great Santini: (1979). Starring Robert Duvall, Blythe Danoer, Michael O'Keefe.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Cartoons are shown on KTV 1 at 3.30 pm.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## FM Services

- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.05 The lights in Islam
- 08.20 Songs and Music
- 08.30 NEWS
- 08.40 Songs and Music
- 08.45 Daily Programme
- 09.00 Songs and Music
- 09.30 The Sold A Million
- 10.00 Our Press Today
- 10.05 Songs and Music
- 10.30 Country Collection
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 NEWS on FM Service

- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 The Latin Mood
- 21.30 NEWS
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.00 Mohammad (PSUH)
- 22.15 To the Groove
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Hi Serial
- 23.30 Jazz in action
- 24.00 Closedown

## English

- 0800-0830 Easy Listening
- 0830-0940 News
- 0940-1000 Easy Listening
- 1000-1300 Songs and Music
- 1300-1330 Easy Listening
- 1330-1400 News
- 1400-1440 Easy Listening
- 1440-1600 Classical Music
- 1600-1700 Easy Listening
- 1700-1800 Italian Hour
- 1800-2130 Pop
- 2130-2330 News
- 2145-2330 Pop
- 2330-2400 Easy Listening
- 2400-0200 Instrumental Listening

## BBC World Services

- 0800 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 2nd and 9th The Mysterious Art of the Conductor, 16th and 23rd Best on Record.
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 The Unclaimed Promise (ex 2nd and 9th)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Newsworld UK
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 First Recordings of British Symphonies (ex 23rd Virtuoso)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Newsworld
- 40 Turning Over New Leaves
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Rock Salad
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- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections

## NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait  
Al Ajeel Pharmacy  
Adnan Abdul Aziz Bldg., Palestine St., Mubarakiah  
Al Ghazwa Pharmacy  
Kazani Bldg., Khalid Bin Al Walid St.
- Fahad and Almasri  
Al Abu Halifa Pharmacy  
Opp. Intermediate School, Coast Road
- Salmiya and Rumanithiya  
Al Raed Pharmacy  
Amman St.
- Hawali and Nagra  
Al Jodar Pharmacy  
Tunis St.
- Jleeb Al Shiyookh  
Al Nimran Pharmacy  
Opp. Secondary School
- Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Bldg., Matafi St.

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
- Al Salmiya  
The Living Daylights  
Starring: Timothy Dalton
- Al Hamra  
My Science Project  
Starring: John Stockwell
- Drive-In  
Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
- Al Firdous  
Mard Ki Zaban (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra, Poonam Dhillon
- Fahad and Almasri  
Lava (Hindi)  
Starring: Dimple Kapadia

- Al Fahad  
Yaar Badshah (Pushito)
- Al Jahra  
Daku-O-Darweesh
- Granada  
January Oru Orma (Malayalam)
- Sulaiman  
Tarzan Secret Treasure
- Al Jleeb  
Sidatru (Bengali)
- Ahamadi Drive-In  
Liqa Fi Taddamur (Arabic)

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 5.11 am
- Zuhr 12.02
- Asr 3.10 pm
- Maghreb 5.33
- Isha 6.51

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum  
The museum is open daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, except Friday, when it is open only to the mornings. A large selection of Islamic artefacts from the Arab and Muslim world are on show.

National Museum  
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Munay are displayed at the National Museum, open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

## THEATRE

KLT  
Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT) will hold auditions for the summer musical at 7.30 pm on Feb. 16 and 19 at its premises in Ahmadi. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details ring 3985246 after 3 pm.

Kuwait Players  
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Kuwait Players-Auditions  
Final casting for the play Stepping Out, directed by Ken Weston, takes place at Universal American School at 3 pm on Feb 11, Thursday. One more non-dancing role for an actress who can play the piano. Those interested attend auditions or call Ken Weston, producer, 5730641.

## SOCIAL

Kuwait Rondels  
Aiden J. Harvey (British TV comedy impressionist) will be the special guest at the Kuwait Rondels 1988 Gala Annual Ball at Messiah Beach Hotel on Feb 11, Thursday. Tables available for six, 10 or 12 people. Dress formal, lounge suit. Tickets — KD 10. For reservations ring Paul Richards — 5337597; Martin Cheetham — 4745916.

Kuwait Society for Handicapped  
An open souk featuring everything from silks to groceries, silverware to rugs and toys, is being held at the premises of the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped, behind Andalus Cinema, Cairo St. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm, until Feb 15.

Danish Meeting  
All Danes are invited to the "Fastelavn" party on Feb 12, 1 pm, at the Gazelle Club. For reservations contact Connie — 3947693; Karen-Marie — 3946725. Feb 9 is the last date for registration.

Flaskik  
Flaskik will hold a Valentine's dinner-musical at 6.30 pm Feb 12, Friday, at Al Dira Ballroom, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free transport will be provided from the Church from 6 pm. For tickets ring 2439451, Mabuhay or Lords restaurant.

Kuwait Natural History Group  
The next meeting of the group will be held on Feb 9, Tuesday, 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School. Mahmoud Shihab of the Science Museum will give an illustrated talk on "The Reptiles of Kuwait."

Photography contest  
Kapilku will hold a photography contest for Filipinos called "Portrait of Filipinos in Kuwait." Entry forms are available from all Filipino restaurants and the Philippines Embassy. Last date to enter the competition, which is open only to members of Kapilku, is March 1. For further details contact Dick Orense — 4877793.

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The following films will be shown on: Feb 13: Mr Smith Goes to Washington. Feb 14: Modern Times; Feb 15: The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman; Feb 16: All the King's Men; and Feb 17: The Best Man.

All shows begin at 7.30 pm sharp. Children are not allowed inside the auditorium.

The festival has been organised by the American Embassy in tandem with Kuwait Cine Club.

British Council  
The Young Sherlock Holmes and the Pyramid of Fear, a Steven Spielberg production, will be shown on Feb 13/14 at 6.30 pm at the British Council in Mansouriya. Duration: 105 minutes.

Two children's films — Five Go To Mystery Moor and Five Go Off To Camp, based on Enid Blyton's Famous Five books, will be shown at 6 pm on Feb 10 (Wednesday) and at 10.30 am on Feb 11 (Thursday). Duration: 71 minutes.

Admission free but it is advisable to make bookings. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## HOTELS

At the Ramada Al Salam  
Shellfish festival extended until Feb 12, Friday, in El Mersa Restaurant, open from 7 pm to 11.30 pm. El Bender

Coffee Shop offers daily lunch, chef's special and a choice of Continental, Arabic, Indian, Mexican, appetiser and dessert buffet and a carvery roast at dinner time.

Versailles open for lunch and dinner offering Continental cuisine, meat and seafood, charcoal grilled, affordable business lunch also available. Al Wah Restaurant offers "open face" sandwiches until Thursday.

AT THE SAS  
Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at Tuesday's Sahrat Al Khema — Oriental Night — in The Tent. An Arabian bazaar features perfumes, jewellery, clothes, rugs and other items. Buffet dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

## SPORTS

Ladies Sports Club  
Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea club for the proposed Ladies Sports Club. The Ras Club is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

Soccer Team  
A group of young Italians are organising a European soccer team. If you are interested please contact Carlo on Tel: 2445120/1/2/3/4.



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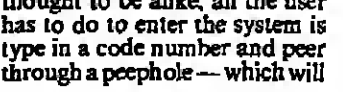
## Race heats up for Cyprus elections

Defence Minister Elias Eliades said they were the same models being delivered to the French Army and had been accepted "by the quality control department of the French Ministry of Defence."

The defence issue is potent because all candidates agree that the Greek Cypriots must beef up their military capacity as a bargaining chip to force Turkey to withdraw some 30,000 troops from the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state in the northern one-third of the Mediterranean

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1554 — Sir Thomas Wyatt's forces are defeated in attempt to take London.
- 1718 — French colonists arrive in Louisiana.
- 1788 — Austria's Joseph II declares war on Turkey.
- 1801 — Peace of Luneville between Austria and France marks virtual destruction of Holy Roman Empire.
- 1849 — Rome is proclaimed republic under Giuseppe Mazzini.
- 1891 — Menelik, Emperor of Ethiopia, denounces Italian claims to a protectorate.
- 1909 — Germany recognises France's special interests in Morocco.
- 1929 — Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romanian sign pact renouncing war.
- 1934 — Balkan Pact is signed by Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey.
- 1941 — German troops under General Erwin Rommel cross from Italy to North Africa in World War II.
- 1943 — World War War II battle for Guadalcanal ends in US victory over Japanese.
- 1962 — Jamaica becomes independent nation within British Commonwealth.
- 1964 — UN Secretary-General U Thant appeals to Ethiopia and Somalia to end hostilities in which hundreds have been reported slain.
- 1971 — Earthquake in Los Angeles area of California kills at least 64 people.
- 1987 — Car bomb explodes in crowded Shiite suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, killing 15 people and wounding 80.



# TPA checks heart failure

BOSTON, (AP) — Quickly administering the clot-busting drug TPA after heart attacks can significantly reduce the chances that victims will suffer congestive heart failure, a study shows.

TPA, or tissue plasminogen activator, is a natural chemical that dissolves blood clots. It stops heart attacks by breaking up blockages in the arteries that feed the heart's muscle.

The information in the latest study was used by the US Food and Drug Administration in its recent decision to approve TPA for routine use.

The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, shows that the hearts of people who suffer heart attacks beat more strongly if they are given TPA.

The research was conducted by Dr Alan D. Guerci and colleagues at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Experts believe that to be effective, the drug must be given soon after symptoms start. In their comparison study, the researchers gave TPA to 72 heart attack victims, while 66 others received dummy placebo shots. All were seen an average of about three hours after their heart attacks began.

During 10 days of follow-up, 8 per cent of the placebo patients died, as did 6 per cent of those who got TPA. Fourteen per cent of the TPA patients suffered congestive heart failure, compared with 33 per cent of the placebo patients.

The researchers concluded that TPA was associated with "a significant reduction in the prevalence of congestive heart failure."

The researchers said it is not necessary for patients to undergo immediate angiography, a check of the blood flow in the heart's arteries.

Angioplasty improved the pumping power of the TPA patients' hearts during exercise, and it reduced the likelihood that they would suffer chest pain.

# Doctors consult on video screens

The Medkom video link allows surgeons in the operating theatre to consult colleagues hundreds or thousands of miles away.

HANOVER, (Dad) — At 11.08 am on a grey Tuesday morning in Hanover, Federal Republic of Germany, Professor Medjid Samii peers through a microscope into a hole about one centimetre in diameter in the skull of a 56-year-old woman patient in the operating theatre of the neurosurgical ward at Nordstadt Hospital. The aim of the operation is to remove a tumour obstructing the patient's central auditory, equilibrium and facial nerve.

Over five kilometres away chief surgeon Dr Lutz Osterwald of the Municipal Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic watches the proceedings on a monitor screen. Professor Samii has asked him to do so because he might need his expert advice in what could be a critical situation. He holds his scalpel as he peers through the microscope. What he sees can be seen in perfect reproduction on the Medkom screen by Dr Osterwald five kilometres (three miles) away.

He is no stranger to the device — or to the case, having

followed the diagnosis on the monitor screen too. The patient had complained for some time that she was growing increasingly deaf and losing her sense of balance. She was diagnosed as possibly suffering from a tumour. The operation showed her tumour to be a benign growth near the central auditory, equilibrium and facial nerve. The importance of this finding from the patient's viewpoint was that the nerve did not need to be severed and then rejoined. "You've made a fine job of that," Dr Osterwald tells Professor Samii. "I'll sign off now and go on with my own work." He switches off his Medkom and returns to his own patients.

Medkom stands for "Medizinische Kommunikation" and combines the latest telecommunication techniques with medical requirements in an exemplary manner. In an initial phase the two Hanover hospitals have been linked. Doctors at both clinics can communicate by video telephone on monitor screens. The optical cable direct link ensures such



The new system premiered with a link to Peking where 120 Chinese specialists followed the course of a surgery in Hanover on a monitor screen.

excellent picture quality that even X-rays or computer tomographs can be relayed. By the end of this year the Medkom network will be extended to cover a further 20 hospitals and medical practices in the Hanover area. In a few years' time 29 German cities will be linked by optical cable. Specialists in all these cities will then be available for consultation merely by dialling their Medkom numbers.

The new system has already

been put to international use. It can be used to establish satellite links between doctors in different countries. Its premiere was a link with Peking, where 120 Chinese specialists followed the course of complicated surgery in the Hanover operating theatre on a monitor screen.

Doctors in emergency wards, where seconds can make the difference between life and death, will be able to consult specialists over the Medkom video phone. Patients will no

longer need to be sent by ambulance to a specialist for a second opinion. Operations that can normally only be seen by a handful of students will be relayed to lecture theatres. Even health insurance costs should be cut. Electronic consultation of specialists will reduce the time patients spend in hospital. At roughly DM500 a day, three days less in hospital is saving of DM1,500!

Peter Jentsch

# Scientists check cancer risk in new low-dose birth pills

SENIOR scientists are concerned that the suspected link between breast cancer and the older high-dose contraceptive pills could extend to the modern low-dose pills used by millions of women.

Girls who start taking the pill at 16 and continue until they decide to have children in their early 20s may run an extra risk of developing breast cancer in their 40s, according to Dr Klim McPherson and his team at Oxford University.

The government drug watchdog, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, has urged doctors to switch women from the old high-dose brands to low-dose products.

Professor Bill Asscher, the CSM chairman, told doctors in a cautious statement published in both of the main medical journals that there was no need to change that advice "at this time". The CSM experts are keeping a close watch on the evidence as it emerges.

Surveys

Earlier surveys have shown that the longer a woman waits between starting having periods and giving birth to her first baby, the greater her risk of breast cancer.

Each month the body's natural hormones, oestrogen and progesterone, cause the cells in the breast to divide in preparation for pregnancy.

The greater the number of false alarms, the greater the risk of a tumour. The theory is that extra doses of synthetic hormones in the pill aggravate that effect.

Dr McPherson, working with Professor Martin Vessey, a member of the CSM, and Sir Richard Doll, the scientist who exposed the link between smoking and lung cancer, reported last week that women under 45 who had taken the pill for four or more years before having their first baby appear to run 2 1/2 times the risk of breast cancer.

The products implicated in their survey of 2,250 women are certain high-oestrogen pills

widely used in the 1970s. Brands listed in their British Journal of Cancer report as being associated with a significantly increased risk are: Gynovlar, Mimovlar, Ovulen 50, Miniloy, Aovovlar and Eugynoo 30.

"Our study seems to show there is an association between breast cancer and the older high-dose pills", said Dr McPherson at the weekend. "It's as plausible that the new low-dose pills have a lesser effect as it is that they have a greater effect."

If the hormone hypothesis holds — and he suspects that oestrogen is the hormone most likely to be responsible for

tumours — then any extra dose of oestrogen in an oral contraceptive will increase the risk of a tumour.

Since low-dose pills do less to suppress natural hormone production, the women might end up with more oestrogen, he said. "It's impossible to know what effect they have because we have no data."

It can take 10 to 20 years for a tumour to develop to the stage where it can be diagnosed. This latency period, say the Oxford scientists, is "a cause for concern".

Breast cancer, which kills one woman in 12, is extremely rare among the under-30s.

# Ten questions to ask about your diet

By Rob Stein

BOSTON, (UPI) — New diets seem to hit the grocery store shelves faster than the refrigerator empties during an eating binge.

So it's no wonder that overweight people have a hard time sporting through the latest diets in search of the one that will really help them lose those unwanted pounds safely, and keep them off.

To help, Theodore Berland, an associate professor of communications at the Grand Valley State College in Allendale, Michigan, has developed 10 questions diets should ask themselves before embarking on another weight-loss effort.

"People are desperate to lose weight," said Berland, who offered his guidelines during a recent meeting of the North American Association for the study of obesity.

"There are a lot of desperate people out there who want to go to bed fat and wake up skinny. They grasp at the next straw at the book store. But some diets may be dangerous, and may hurt their health," he said.

During his presentation, Berland said he used his questions to rate about a dozen diets. He determined that a group of diets including, and similar to, the weight watchers diet were the best.

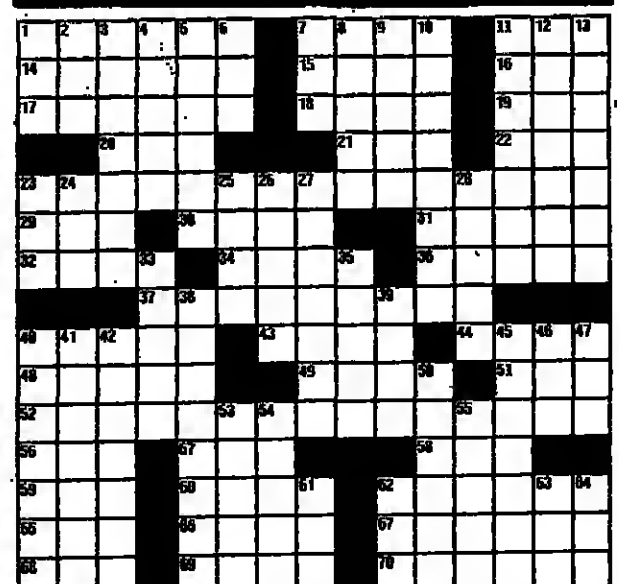
Like all good diets, these diets had three important components: a meal plan, exercise regimen and a way to change old habits so dieters could stick to the diet and avoid regaining weight.

Among the diets that rated poorly were "fit for life," which was "completely unbalanced," the "immune power diet," which is "not based on any particular principles," and the "rotation diet," which is a "crutch diet" because it may work for a short time but the lost weight will quickly be regained, he said.

Berland's 10 questions are:

1. Is the diet based on a secret? "There are no secrets in dieting," said Berland. Diets should instead be based on sound nutritional and medical evidence, he said.
2. Is the person promoting the diet well known, well respected and knowledgeable? "A lot of people who write books are doctors, but that doesn't make them an expert on nutrition," he said.
3. Has the author tried the diet on a lot of people? "The only way to know for sure if a diet works is through careful controlled, scientific studies," said Berland.
4. Have the results of the diet been published in a scientific journal or presented at a conference for peer review? "That's the best way to know whether the experts agree that the diet can work," he said.
5. Is the proponent of the diet challenging recommendations of the best nutritional authorities? "This should raise an eyebrow," said Berland. "It's OK if you challenge, but you have to have data to back it up," he said.
6. Is the claim based on the principles of someone else? "If so, find out whether that person agrees with the diet," he said.
7. Is the diet nutritionally balanced? "That's very important," he said, "because many diets are out there and can be bad for your health."
8. Does the diet allow for individual tastes and preferences? "If I dictate a diet for you, you may follow it for a month or so but it's not going to be successful unless it fits into your lifestyle," he said.
9. Is this the kind of diet you can live with for the rest of your life? "If not, chances are you'll eventually end up regaining the lost weight," he said.
10. Who recommends the diet? "It should be a recognised authority in the field. Someone who knows what they are talking about," he said.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Unanimity
  - 7 Kirk of song
  - 11 Letter after thoughts
  - 14 Rose of —
  - 15 Grade
  - 16 Stadium shout
  - 17 Start of a doggerel by 37 Across
  - 18 Po source
  - 19 Violinist Bull
  - 20 Belfry denizen
  - 21 Fleur-de —
  - 22 — as Salaam
  - 23 More of the doggerel
  - 29 A — Apple
  - 31 Dickens' Miss Manette
  - 32 Dead
  - 34 First word in Massachusetts' motto
  - 36 Discharge
  - 37 See 17 Across
  - 40 Turgeon heroine
  - 43 Energy units
  - 44 Sting
  - 48 Rani raiment
  - 49 Learning method
  - 51 Pizarro's quest
  - 52 End of the doggerel
  - 56 Outer: Comb. form
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  - 58 "To — With Love"
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  - 66 Hades
  - 67 Comes onstage
  - 68 Bamb's aunt
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  - 10 "Last Supper" figures
  - 11 Generate
  - 12 Chiet city of old
  - 13 Feigning dessert
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  - 24 Romberg's — Alona
  - 25 Secondhand
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  - 28 Griffith and
  - 33 Rick-me-up
  - 35 Witch of —
  - 38 1944
  - Bergman-Boyer film
  - 39 Italian wine center
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  - 42 Trojan priest of legend
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  - 47 Kind of scene
  - 50 Ascentic of yore
  - 53 Aunt in "Oklahoma!"
  - 54 Sheer fabric
  - 55 Soiled
  - 61 Nellie —
  - 62 Item from a Brit's garden
  - 63 Before, to Byron
  - 64 Ukr. or Lith.

## BORER BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠KJ95 ♥AQ63 ♦K103 ♣76  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 1 ♠  
Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—You have a minimum takeout double. While you have excellent support for partner's spades, it is no more than he expects. Since his hand is limited to about 9 points, you have no game, so tell him that you are near the bottom of your range by passing.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠KQ83 ♥AQ9 ♦AK87 ♣76  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 1 ♠  
Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—You have a strong hand with fine support for partner's suit, and the fact that your high cards lie behind the opening bidder adds to its potential. However, you don't have nearly enough to bid game. Invite by jumping to three spades. If partner has a smattering of cards, he should go on.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠KQ95 ♥3 ♦832 ♣Q10952  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♥ Dbl 4 ♥ ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—Not only do you have little to contribute to the defense, your length in the black suits detracts from partner's defensive capabilities. Offensively, however, you have a potentially fine hand because of a likely double fit. Bid four spades, confident that partner has at least four cards in the suit.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQ6 ♥AJ5 ♦A10 ♣J9652  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—With only 16 points in high cards, it might seem that you should gracefully decline partner's invitation. However, your three aces, five-card suit and intermediates enhance the value of your hand, so we would carry on to three no trump.



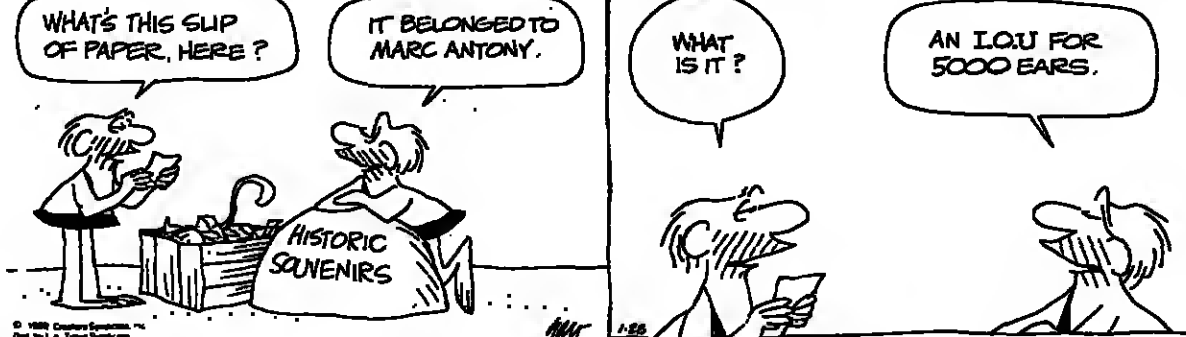
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should try to avoid complications of all kinds. Jupiter's influence will help you to solve a persistent problem. Make sure that rules are obeyed without exception. Be alert.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
After some initial hesitation you will be able to get a move on. You will have to work harder to learn. There is still time to make amends. You should not drown in a sea of regrets. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to put two and two together correctly. You should however beware of jumping to conclusions.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
You should not shirk your responsibilities: face up to them. Try not to do anything that could give rise to bad feeling. You would be wrong to be impatient or intolerant. Be responsive.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You should not do anything unscrupulous or shady. You will be reminded of something you would rather forget. A good opportunity will not be there for much longer. Be sensible.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
Do not think that others will always defer to you. You must take steps to deal with a cause of delay. Make sure you do not neglect your health; eat adequately. Be resilient.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
The Moon's influence will help you to be more decisive. You will be inspired to do your utmost. You should try to find the time and the energy to deal with a personal matter. Be more flexible.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
Something that looks easy will turn out to be a lot more difficult. You will not be able to persuade others to your point of view.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will be able to turn something relatively ordinary to your advantage. Do not allow yourself to be deflected from your aims. Do not try to use force where charm and persuasion has not succeeded.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
The prospects are good and the situation is more favourable to you. Do not bear a grudge and do not join in intrigue. You will be able to allay some fears of your partner's. Be a little more patient.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You will be able to make good use of the time at your disposal. An offer or proposal should be considered carefully. Make sure that your facts are up to date. Be resilient.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
Venus's better influence will help you to face the facts. The influence of the Moon will help you to see what is the right thing to do. You should leave yourself with enough time for your personal affairs.



## JUNIOR TIMES

## Dear Junior Readers,

I am pleased that some of you have sent me poems or stories that you have written to use on the Junior Times page. I have enjoyed these and think that our junior readers have too.

I would like to receive more of your work and hear about events that you have at your school. Send a picture along with a short description of the event, so we can share with other children what your school is doing.

Aunt Barbara

## Happy birthday



Yasmin and Amin celebrate their birthday with their Grandmother Kamar Ghulam Ali (Allana), above, and Sherine M. Chacko, left, celebrated her 7th birthday on February 2. Sherine is a 1st standard student at the Indian School, Abhaya. Best wishes, children, from your friends and family.



## Malayalee Samajam marks tenth anniversary

A PAINTING competition was held at the Indian Embassy auditorium last month as part of the activities celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam.

More than three hundred children participated in the competition which was divided into three categories: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

The competition was inaugurated by Mr George Tharakan, the Assistant Manager of Air India, Kuwait, and Thomas Joseph, the Samajam president presided over the programme.

The competition was dedicated to the memory of child artist, Clint, who displayed remarkable artistic talent even at the age of six.

The painting competition winners in each division are as follows: Senior: First Place: Juhy V Thomas, Second Place: Rahul, Third Place: Sujith Philip Philipose. Inter-

mediate: First Place: Freanka Thanak, New Indian School; Second Place: Sherlin Mathew, Indian School; Third Place: Amina M. Malik, New Indian School. Junior: First Place: Soumya Mohan, Carmel School; Second Place: Sweettha Mary Mammen, Carmel School; Third Place: Jerry Tom Thomas, Indian School.

An elocution competition was also held the same day with more than ten participants. Sunitha Warrior won First Place, Abhinav Gupta Second Place and Anju Smitha Mariam John Third Place. Congratulations to these talented young people.



Juhy V. Thomas



Rahul



Sujith Philip Philipose



Freanka Thanak



Sherlin Mathew



Soumya Mohan



Sweettha Mary Mammen



Jerry Tom Thomas



Sunitha Warrior



Abhinav Gupta



Anju Smitha Mariam John

## Chocolate mousse

Ingredients  
2 eggs  
50g (2 oz) chocolate

Equipment  
Plate  
Small pan  
Whisk  
Small basin  
Mixing bowl  
Tahlepoon  
2 small serving dishes

1. Half fill pan with water and allow to boil. Turn off heat.  
2. Break chocolate into pieces, and put in small basin. Place basin over hot water, making sure basin does not touch water.  
3. Carefully separate eggs. Place whites in mix-

## Let's cook

ing bowl and yolks on plate.

4. Whisk whites until they stand in firm peaks.

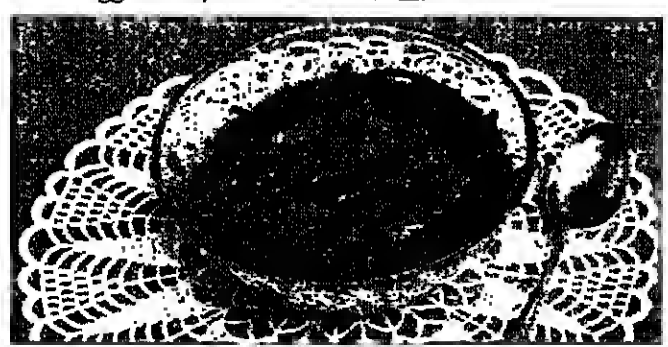
5. Remove basin from pan. Stir egg yolks into chocolate.

6. Add chocolate mixture to egg whites, and fold

in very lightly with tahlepoon or knife. If mixed too much the mousse will not set.

7. Pour into dishes. Leave in cool place to set.

Chocolate Mousse when set can be decorated with:



a small amount of grated chocolate; angelica leaves and cherry flowers (a glace cherry cut into 8 makes the flowers, with leaves cut from thin strips of angelica).

## Separating an egg

1. Break egg onto saucer.

2. Place an egg cup carefully over the yolk. Push down gently.

3. Holding egg cup and saucer, pour off egg white into bowl, leaving egg yolk on saucer.

Note: If egg whites are needed for whisking there must be no egg yolk broken into them. If this happens the egg whites will not whisk up stiffly but will remain soft.

## Tree fruits and seeds

AN apple has a core. Inside the core there are brown pips. The pips are seeds from which new apple trees can grow.

The fruits of some other trees have wings so they can travel on the wind. If the seeds land in the right place, they can grow in the spring. Each fruit has one wing.

The sycamore tree fruits are a pair of seeds. Each seed has an oval wing. It twirls away in the wind like a helicopter.

In the fruit of the elm tree, each seed is surrounded by a thin oval wing.

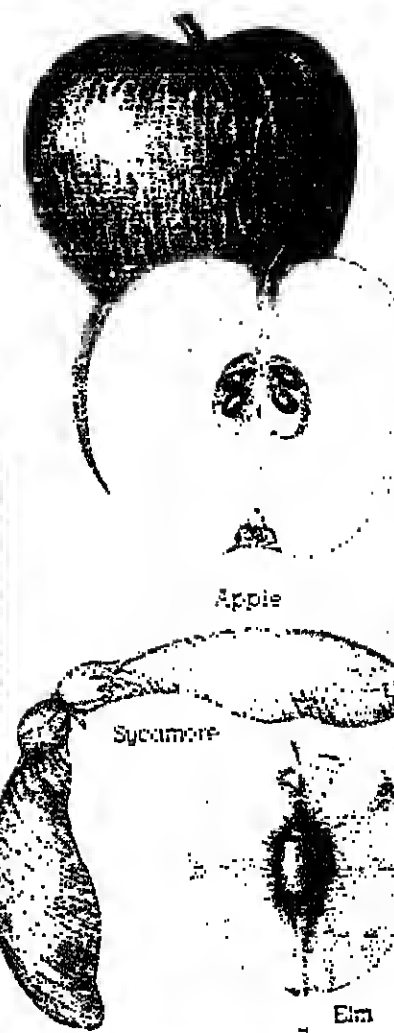
SOME fruits have hooks on them. These cling to the fur of animals or the clothes of people as they brush past. Goosegrass or cleavers has little green fruits that cling. The burdock fruits have hooks on them which catch on to an animal's fur or a person's clothes.

The seeds are often carried a long way. Then they are rubbed off, or they

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dry and fall off. Some seeds are hidden in the ground by mice, squirrels and jays. These creatures make little winter stores of fruits and nuts in the ground. They do not find them all again. Those that are left may grow.



## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FASTEST-RUNNING BIRD IS THE ROADRUNNER (GEOPHYCA CALIFORNIA) TO BE FOUND IN PARTS OF THE USA AND MEXICO. ALTHOUGH CAPABLE OF FLYING, IT SEEMS TO PREFER MOVING ABOUT ON FOOT AND IS TYPICALLY SEEN DASHING ACROSS A DESERT ROAD AT SPEEDS OF UP TO 15 MPH (24 km/h).



THE HOATZIN (OPIS RHOMBUS HOATZINI) OF THE AMAZON BASIN WAS ONCE THOUGHT TO BE THE 'MISSING LINK' BETWEEN REPTILES AND BIRDS. ITS CHICKS ARE UNIQUELY BORN WITH TWO LARGE CLAWS ON THE THUMB AND FIRST FINGER OF EACH WING, SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND ON THE OLDEST KNOWN FOSSIL BIRD, THE ARCHAEOPTERYX.



UNLIKE OTHER BIRDS, THE CHICKS OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH TURKEY (ALEUTURA LATHAM) HAVE NO PROPER EGG TOOTH TO HELP THEM BREAK OUT OF THEIR SHELLS. SO THEY KICK THEIR WAY OUT. IT IS HATCHED FULLY FEDED AND CAN FEED IMMEDIATELY, MAKING IT TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF ITS PARENTS.

## Goodbye, Mr Lincoln

## The Illusion:

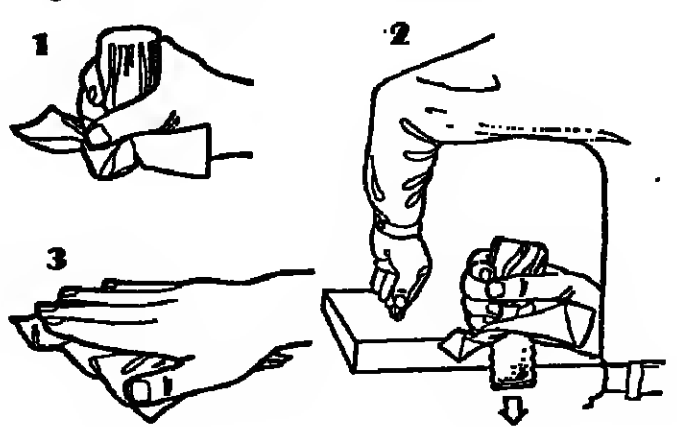
You claim to be able to make a coin vanish. You cover the coin with a salt shaker. The salt shaker with a paper napkin. A snap of the fingers and you raise the salt shaker; the coin is in plain view. Another snap of the fingers and when you raise the shaker again the coin is still there. Finally, you hit the shaker with the flat of your hand and the entire salt shaker has vanished!

## The trick:

Put a penny on the table about eighteen inches away from you. Place a salt shaker on top of the coin. Cover the shaker with a paper napkin. (Preferably, the napkin should be folded in quarters. If it's not large enough to cover the shaker, open it one fold.) Running your hand down the shaker will form the paper to the shape of the shaker. (1) Announce your intention of making the coin disappear. Snap your fingers, lift the shaker by squeezing the sides of the paper, and bring the shaker toward you, almost all the way to the edge of the table. Shake your head at the coin refusing to leave when you asked. Now you will have to command it. Replace the shaker over the coin. Snap your fingers and again lift the shaker. This time you bring it all the way to the edge of the table and let the bottom of the napkin extend slightly below the edge. As you reach over with your other hand and turn over the coin you simultaneously relax your grip on the paper,

which will allow the shaker to drop into your lap (2). Gently replace the empty napkin, still holding its shape of the salt container over the coin. Tell them you're going to try something else and slam your hand down on the empty paper (3). Pause no longer than a second, then reach over and flick the flattened napkin away to reveal the coin. Commenting on how stubborn Abe Lincoln could be, ignore the fact that you have vanished the salt shaker. Your audience won't!

Oh, yes, before you leave the table don't forget to slip the shaker back onto the table. There isn't any special way. You will have lots of opportunities so take advantage of one.



## Math puzzles

HAVE you always been a little bit afraid of math problems or puzzles? Has a problem ever seemed so difficult that you didn't want to spend any time trying to solve it? Many people feel this way. But they don't have to. Solving math puzzles can be fun.

Try these math puzzles and you may find that you will learn so many new ways of solving math problems that your skill as well as your enjoyment of math has increased.

● One sunny day, Marty went for a walk in the woods. He hadn't gone far when, through his binoculars, he saw Bali in the distance up in a tree. She was hammering nails into a tree-house that she was making. Marty noticed that Bali hit a nail with the hammer 30 times every minute. He also realised that every time that he saw Bali swing the hammer to hit a nail, he heard a banging sound. After Bali stopped hammering Marty heard one more bang.

If light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, and sound travels at a speed of 1,100 feet per second, how far was Marty from Bali?

● Naomi took a bus from her home in Montgomery to her grandparents' house in Shaftsbury. The bus traveled at an average speed of 30 miles per hour. How fast would the bus have to travel on the return trip to Montgomery in order for the average speed of the round trip to be 60 miles per hour?

● One beautiful day in May, Amy decided to hike from Branford to Madison along the rugged Hammonasset Trail. The only town that she would pass through along the way is Guilford.

Forty minutes after Amy left Branford she came upon a sign nailed to a tree. Amy stopped, and read the sign. It said, "If you have come from Branford, then you have already gone half as far as it is from here to Guilford." Amy rested beneath the tree and ate a pastami sandwich that she had brought with her. Then, feeling refreshed, she continued on her hike.

Amy trekked on for another 11 miles, at the end of which she came upon a second sign nailed to a tree. Once again she stopped to read the sign. This sign said, "If you are going to Madison, then you still have to go half as far as it is from here to Guilford." Here, too, Amy rested beneath the tree, this time eating a yellow delicious apple and some homemade fudge. Then, once again, feeling refreshed, Amy continued on her way. She hiked on, along the Hammonasset Trail for one more hour, and at long last reached Madison.

If Amy hiked at her own steady pace all the way, what is the length of the Hammonasset Trail between Branford and Madison?

Answers will appear on Thursday.

## Search for the loot

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

BEANS	CHANGE	FUNDS	PAPER
BILLS	COINS	GELT	ROLL
BOB	DINEROS	GOLD	SHEKELS
BREAD	DOLLARS	JACK	SILVER
BUCKS	DOUGH	LETTUCE	SIMOLEONS
CABBAGE	DRAFTS	MOOLAH	SMACKERS
CASH		MOSS	

X	S	C	A	B	B	A	G	E	R	H	J	K
D	R	Q	R	M	I	C	B	V	E	I	B	C
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Japanese team explores ways to boost trade

## Capital investment likely to achieve higher growth

By M.C. Bose

A JAPANESE investment expert has said the Japanese economy looks set to surge ahead smoothly underpinned by inventory and capital investment. The tempo of economic growth may slow in the latter half of the year, but in the interim, a vigorous pace should be maintained.

Capital investment is likely to achieve a higher growth due to an improvement in corporate earnings and a more optimistic outlook adopted by corporate management.

Even in the exporting industries, domestic sales structures were strengthened last year, most notably by automobile and home appliance manufacturers, and this is likely to prevent a further downturn in business performance in this area.

### Opportunities

A five-member Japanese trade team, headed by Noriyuki Suzuki, General Manager of Yamaichi Securities Co. Ltd. is currently visiting Kuwait to inform the Kuwaiti Investors on Japan's market situation and investment opportunities.

Suzuki told the Arab Times plans for the restructuring of the economy are likely to move into the implementation stage during the current year.

In response to a request from the Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, the chairman of the Economic Council, Gaiishi Hiraiwa is formulating what is known as the "New Five-year Economic Plan." According to the plan, the average real economic growth rate in the 1988-92 is expected to be in the 3 per cent range. If domestic demand-led economic growth is retained as an objective, the international balance of payments surplus will decline, and criticism of Japan will be reduced through promotion of direct investment overseas and greater international economic cooperation.



Noriyuki Suzuki addresses the seminar.

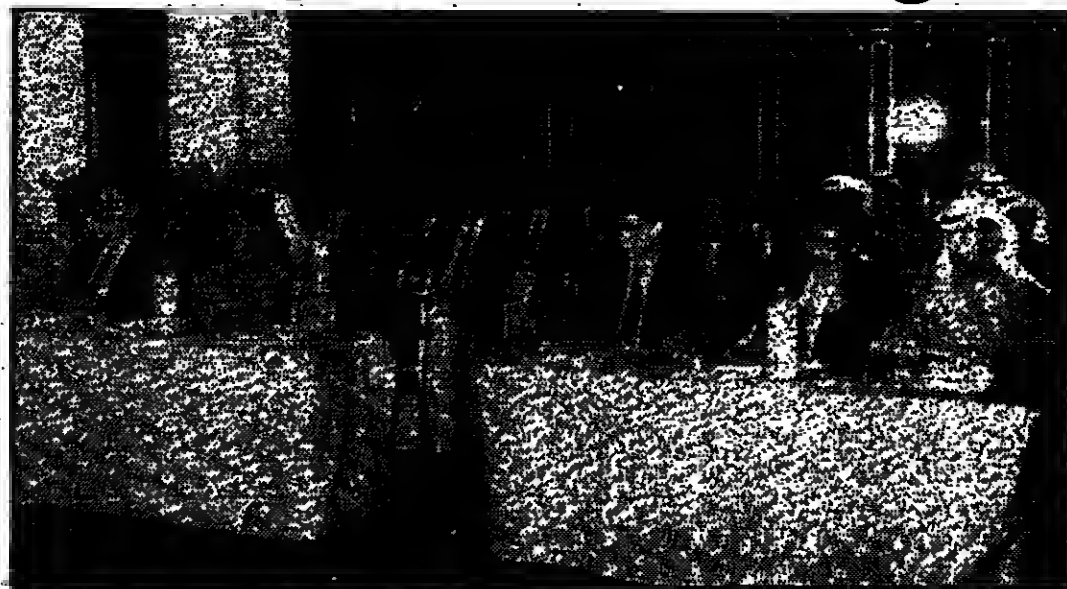
Japanese investment overseas almost doubled in the last financial year to a record \$22.32 billion. The official report shows that investments coming into Japan totalled more than \$940 million in the last financial year, mostly in the machinery, chemical and trading industries.

### Promote

Suzuki said the government is expected to promote an increase in the supply of land and strengthen the tax structure through the fiscal 1988 tax reform programme.

A reduction in capital gains tax on the sale of land and an increase in the rate of landholding tax (aimed at restricting speculative land transactions and encouraging the effective utilisation of land), and a decrease in the standard land acquisition status are included in the reforms.

Suzuki said the population of Tokyo is currently 12 million. According to the latest survey, 1 sq.m. of land now costs \$10,000 making it virtually impossible for first-time buyers to set up



Some of those who attended the seminar.

home in the central urban area. Nonetheless, there is no doubt that Tokyo will develop further into a global financial centre.

In an effort to deal with these circumstances, the government has decided to disperse the centres of power which are overly concentrated in Tokyo. They will be relocated in the regions where their smooth operation will be assured by an enhanced communications and transport network.

### Policy

Basically, the policy calls for the construction of an advanced communications network enabling immediate access to the latest information in Tokyo from anywhere in Japan.

Suzuki has quoted a recent newspaper report as saying that Tokyo topped the league of national markets easily last year, riding the October crash better than any other major stock exchange, and thanks partly to currency gains it clocked up a 37 per cent improvement in dollar terms while the world index was up 15 per cent.

The volume of money involved has been impressive. Whereas three years ago foreigners owned some 8 per cent of stocks traded on the Tokyo exchange, today the figure is estimated to be little more than 3 per cent.

But in terms of GNP per capita, the Japanese are now richer than the citizens of any other OECD nation. It does not seem likely that, from this base, Japan can sustain an exceptional growth rate in the long term.

Hideki Ito, deputy general manager of Yamaichi Research Institute, Tokyo told the seminar at the Kuwait Hilton yesterday that the Japanese economy is expected to achieve a real growth rate of 3.7 per cent in 1988.

Among the major countries, this is the only growth rate to reach the 3 per cent level and is followed by the U.K. with an estimated growth rate more than 1 per cent lower at 2.7 per cent.

### Prices

While consumer prices are expected to rise from 0.2 per cent recorded in 1987 to 1.1 per cent in 1988, this increase is extremely small in comparison to projections for the other countries and should not create any problems.

As these projections indicate, the Japanese economy this year is in the ideal position of expansion without inflation.

The effects of the stock market crash are expected to show up in US consumer spending and residential construction trends. Despite support provided by capital investment, the real growth rate of the economy is projected to slow by 1 per cent from 2.6 per cent in 1987 to 1.6 per cent in 1988.

The percentage of Japanese stocks held by overseas investors dropped to approximately 3.8 per cent at the end of last year from a high of 8.8 per cent recorded in 1984. Tokyo market, which was considered to be the most highly priced, suffered the smallest percentage decline.

At the time of the stock market crash, it was obvious that a number of the major markets were unable to cope with the volume of sell orders. On the contrary, the Tokyo market successfully absorbed a huge volume of sales. The large investment potential of

domestic investors has been supporting the rising stock price trend in the Japanese markets and was largely responsible for the unrivaled resistance displayed to declining prices in the wake of the stock market crash.

### Funds

This is because funds have continued to flow into the stock market as a result of structural fund surpluses and low interest rates.

Moreover, little change is expected in this major financial trend during 1988.

It is said there were two major reasons for structural funds surpluses in Japan. Firstly, the accumulated effects of a large scale surplus in the current account balance, and secondly, because the high rate of saving has resulted in the growth of a huge amount of financial assets.

Reviewing Japanese consumer price trends in past years, it is obvious that oil prices have an overwhelming influence on prices. He said in the immediate future it seems very likely that oil prices will trend downwards. Opec has already begun to make discount sales of oil to Japan. Such a movement provides the incentive for price stabilisation. The yen exchange rate will also help stabilise prices since a long-term trend towards a mild appreciation is also anticipated.

### Reform

"Towards the 21st century Japan is scheduled to carry out a major conversion of its economy to a domestic demand-led type with national land redevelopment and technological reform as pivots. This constitutes a major industrial revolution moving away from the national policy of an export-led economy pursued in the 120 years since the beginning of the Meiji era," Ito added.

The delegation also met yesterday the senior officials of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) and discussed the international stock market situation.

## World Business Summary

### Exxon seeks refunds from royalty owners

HOUSTON, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Exxon USA is seeking \$600 million in refunds and interest from schools, charities and a number of individuals and companies who received royalty payments from it as owners in a Texas oilfield, a newspaper said today. Many of the smaller owners of the land, which is near the east Texas town of Hawkins, say Exxon's request, which was made in a lawsuit filed in federal court, is unfair and economically devastating, the Houston Post said. "What you have here is a lot of little people, and it's like a pension to them. And what's happened is they've spent the money," said George Bramblett, a Dallas attorney who represents some of the defendants. Reuters was unable to reach Exxon officials for comment on the report. The Post said Exxon wants to recoup the money to help pay off a \$2.1-billion judgment lost to the federal government in 1986. The judgment stemmed from a claim that Exxon overcharged for oil taken from the east Texas field under price regulations that existed in the mid 1970s.

Originally, the government sought \$895 million in damages, but the figure has ballooned to \$2.1 billion because of interest that has accrued as Exxon fought the ruling in the courts. Exxon, in its lawsuit, claims the royalty owners who benefited from the overcharges must repay the excess money plus interest that has accumulated. In some cases, the defendants say they are being asked to refund far more than they received, the Post said. The Post quoted Exxon spokesman Les Rogers as saying about \$450 million of the \$600 million is being sought from other corporations, including Texaco, Sun Exploration and Production Co, Phillips Petroleum Co and Fina Oil and Chemical Co.

### Favourable outlook for world wheat harvest

LONDON, Feb. 8, (AP): World wheat production for 1987 is estimated at 507 million metric tons, 28 million tons below the previous season's record, the International Wheat Council said yesterday. In a detailed report on the world grain market, the council also said last year's output of coarse grains, primarily maize or corn, was estimated at 801 million tons, compared with 844 million in 1986 and the record 857 million in 1985.

The council, a leading forecasting body, left unchanged its estimate that Soviet grain imports would total 33 million tons in the marketing year between July 1987 and June 1988. It said the outlook for the 1988 world wheat harvest was "mostly favourable," due to generally satisfactory weather during plantings and early growth.

However, it said there was concern in some regions. Many key wheat areas in northern China lacked protective snow cover against cold air that has moved in late last month, while light rains in India and Pakistan only partly recharged soil moisture and irrigation water supplies, it said. Last fall's drought also hurt the outlook for Tunisia and Algeria, it said.

The council tentatively forecast the amount of land sown in wheat for harvesting in 1988 at 221 million hectares (546 million acres), "hardly changed" from 1987 and possible signalling a halt in the downward slide in plantings. Council figures for the past six years show that planting declined steadily throughout the period from 239.5 million hectares (592 million acres) in 1982 to 220.1 million hectares (544 million acres) last year.

### Dollar slide sends Airbus finance into nosedive

MUNICH, Feb. 8, (DPA): The steady slump in the value of the US dollar has created major financial turbulence for the West European airplane manufacturer Airbus Industrie. Since the Europeans base their earnings target at a rate of two Deutsche marks to the dollar, each new sale of an Airbus plane means a bigger loss nowadays, with the dollar at 1.67 marks.

The partners in the Airbus Industrie consortium — Deutsche Airbus (West Germany) and Aerospatiale (France) each with a 37.9 per cent stake, British Aerospace (20 per cent) and CASA (Spain) with four per cent — now face a period of trying to cut costs.

Airbus Industrie president Jean Pierson recently spoke of the necessity of achieving 30 to 35 per cent cost savings, yet left unanswered the question of how this could be done. A West German executive meanwhile has a four-point plan to try to strengthen the Airbus position. The main is Arnt Vogel, chairman of the Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm (MBB) company which holds complete ownership of Deutsche Airbus.

The points include distributing some of the Airbus production to dollar-denominated areas, pricing the airplane according to the European Currency Unit and not the dollar, easing export barriers now enforced by COCOM, and strengthening the financial position in West Germany's aerospace industry. Vogel argues that by producing parts of the Airbus in the United States and other dollar regions, it could help harmonise international trade relations and calm the Americans' fears about the competition posed by the European Airbus.

By re-importing some airplane components denominated in dollars, the Airbus programme could become more price effective, says Vogel, whose MBB company has already held exploratory talks about the topic with the US manufacturer McDonnell Douglas.

### \$12.20m Ifad loan to India

ROME, Feb. 8, (Opecas): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (Ifad) is extending a loan of \$12.20 million to India which will help one of the country's poorest and most disadvantaged communities. The project, to which the Indian government is contributing \$10.30 million, consists of an integrated programme of investments in agricultural production, natural resources, social development, road construction, land survey and commercial activities. The direct beneficiary of the scheme will be the community inhabiting the Kasipur block, Koraput district, Orissa state.

The project will also help develop irrigation in lowland areas in order to reduce cultivation in the state's fragile upper slopes. Farmers will be given improved seed varieties and technical assistance.

About 12,500 tribal families will be helped by the scheme, while 4,000 other households will benefit indirectly. It is expected that in three years, the income of the average family in the community will have increased by 30 per cent as a direct result of the project. Available food per head is likely to go up by as much as 57 per cent. This brings total Ifad funding to India to \$195 million. Earlier loans have gone to a wide range of agricultural activities, including land development and irrigation. The agreement for the latest loan was signed here on Thursday by Ifad president Dr Idress Jazairy and Indian ambassador to Italy Akbar Mirza Khaleeli.

### Bonn trade team in Riyadh talks

RIYADH, Feb. 8, (Kuna): Saudi Minister of Industry and Electricity and chairman of the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic), Abdul Aziz Al Zamil today received here a business delegation of West German manufacturers. The five-member delegation represents the leading West German petrochemical manufacturer of Basf, led by the group's chairman, Dr Hans Albert. The delegation, which arrived in the kingdom on Friday, is here at the invitation of Sabic.

Zamil underlined the importance of encouraging more Saudi-West German industrial ventures in the kingdom. During the later meetings between Sabic officials and the West German visitors, a key area of discussion was the potential to increase Sabic's imports of Sabic products. Basf, one of the world's leading manufacturers of petrochemicals, presently imports an average of 80,000 tonnes of different chemical products a year from Sabic. Tomorrow, the West German delegation will visit Sabic home of industries in Jubail industrial city, on the kingdom's eastern coast on the Arabian Gulf and will wind up its visit on Tuesday.

### US still supports case-by-case debt relief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford said yesterday the Reagan administration would oppose setting up a new international body to buy developing countries' debts at a discount.

"Creation of a debt facility would represent a move away from the case-by-case approach, which isn't feasible, and would undermine international support for, and progress under the current debt strategy," he said.

Mulford was testifying before a meeting of congressional subcommittees about progress on a Mexican plan to exchange bonds for some of its debt.

A proposal for an international debt organisation to aid developing countries by buying their debts at a discount and issuing securities for them is part of pending US trade legislation.

### Measure

Mulford said such a measure would effectively shift the risk on outstanding loans from commercial banks to taxpayers.

"By raising expectations of a bail-out, the creation of such a facility would weaken the resolve of the debtors to undertake necessary reforms and encourage unilateral actions to maximize debt forgiveness," he said.

The Mexican plan, announced in December and backed by the United States, calls for Mexico to spend \$1.8 billion to buy \$10 billion of non-interest-bearing zero-coupon bonds issued by the US Treasury Department.

Mexico would then issue its own bonds — backed by the American bonds — and use them to buy back its debt at a discount from commercial banks which are owed an estimated \$78 billion.

### Debts

It has been estimated that Mexico, thus could reduce its debts by up to \$20 billion since Mexican debt is being sold on the secondary market at a discount of about 50 per cent.

Mulford insisted it was not a debt forgiveness plan, though he conceded under questioning that banks bidding on the new Mexican bonds would likely lose some money.

He described the Mexican plan as "a limited tool and not in and of itself a solution" to the problem of heavily indebted developing countries. Mulford would not comment whether the United States might offer similar backing for other countries but said the US treasury was "willing in principle to look at other cases as they come up."

### Move to bolster sales

## Saudis begin oil industry shake-up

RIYADH, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has taken the first steps in a long-awaited shake-up of its oil industry designed to bolster sales in a sagging world market.

Oil industry sources said the world's biggest oil exporter was starting to restructure domestic operations and was seeking an overseas outlet for its crude oil in an attempt to follow a successful strategy pioneered by its neighbour Kuwait.

As a first move, three lubricants plants in Saudi Arabia, now majority or wholly-owned by the state Petroleum oil company, will be merged into one organisation to oversee the sector.

The move makes good sense, said one industry executive. Before there were three different

managements, three marketing teams, three strategies... there will be a certain streamlining and rationalisation.

The changes are likely to set a precedent for future reforms in the kingdom, the general petroleum and mineral organisation formed in 1962 to handle domestic oil marketing.

Industry sources also expect a shake-up in the other major arm of the Saudi oil business, the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco), which operates the kingdom's vast oil fields.

The idea of the reorganisation can be traced back to the dismissal of veteran Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani in 1986 and subsequently of Petroleum governor Abdel Hadi Taher.

Under the new leadership of Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, the

Saudi oil industry has been exploring ways to increase efficiency and expand sales at a time of glut on the world oil market.

### Network

Kuwait has made the running by setting up a sales and refining network in Europe which oil industry sources believe Saudi Arabia has been eyeing with envy and is now set to emulate.

The sources said several international oil companies had already submitted offers for the kingdom to buy their European refining and sales networks "off the shelf."

The reorganisation of the lubricants plants will bring three Petromin subsidiaries — Luberef, Petrolnab and SaudiLube — into a newly formed Saudi Lubrication Company

(Salco).

Salco will have capacity to produce more than two million barrels of lubricants a year and will oversee the entire process from refining crude into base oils, blending them into lubricants or greases and marketing the finished product.

But oil industry sources said the question of foreign equity in the new company might still create problems.

Mobil Oil Corporation of the United States has stakes of 30 per cent and 29 per cent respectively in Petrolnab and Luberef. The third subsidiary is wholly state-owned.

The sources said there was no indication yet whether Mobil would be asked to sell its holdings. An official at the company's Jeddah office refused comment.

### Securicor chief in Kuwait



ROGER Wiggs (above) the chairman and managing director of Securicor International arrived in Kuwait today accompanied by the chief executive of Securicor group of companies P.T.F. Towle for the official opening of the Al Mulla Security Services, new security centre, today at 4 pm in Ardija.

## Money crisis enters new stage as EEC leaders prepare summit

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 8, (AP): The European Economic Community's mounting cash crisis enters a new, possibly decisive stage this week as leaders of the 12 member countries prepare for an emergency summit.

The West German government, which will be chairman of the meeting on Thursday and Friday in Brussels, is scrambling to forge agreement on how to limit EEC farm subsidies and rescue the group from looming bankruptcy.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his chief aides are aiming to produce an overall compromise package by Tuesday. It would be the culmination of a nearly continuous — and mostly inconclusive — series of meetings of EEC foreign and agriculture ministers since mid-January.

### Agreement

The odds appeared to weigh against a comprehensive agreement emerging from the summit, although the diplomatic clout and bureaucratic brawn of the Bonn government seemed to offer hope for at least some progress.

Besides the depth of disagreement over the main issues on the agenda, the summit's prospects are clouded by the fact that the meeting comes so near to state elections in West Germany in March and May and the French presidential elections in April.

Outright failure would throw sand in the EEC's gears but would not keep it from bobbling along, as it has since Jan. 1, with-

out a real budget. But by late summer, according to the EEC's own estimates, the emergency money it has been living off will have been used up.

A more likely outcome of the Brussels session, in the view of some officials privy to preparations for the meeting, is a partial accord that may provide the basis for completing a credible deal at the next summit, in late June.

At a summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, last December, the EEC leaders failed to reach agreement on any of the main elements in a package of measures designed to end the group's perennial budget crises and to radically transform its burdensome system of farm subsidies.

### Crisis

The Copenhagen meeting decided an emergency session was needed in February. The leaders said waiting until the next regularly scheduled summit in June would only allow the disagreements to widen, the financial crisis to deepen and the political paralysis to worsen.

The EEC's annual budget which last year was 42 billion European currency units (\$52 billion), represents less than 2 per cent of the member countries' collective economic output.

The organisation's executive commission wants to overhaul the EEC's financial structure in order to provide a larger budget. But some leaders, led by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, say they'll give no extra money until clear-cut limits are put on farm spending.

The EEC devotes about two-thirds of its total budget to agriculture — much of it for storing and disposing of surplus grain, butter and other products that accumulate largely because the subsidy system itself encourages farmers to grow more than Europe can eat or export.

It's this conflict between offering nearly unlimited subsidy guarantees to farmers, while at the same time seeking to control the overall EEC budget, that is at the heart of the current debate.

Lionel Stoleru, a former French secretary of state in the Labour Ministry, said the EEC should be putting much more emphasis on non-farm programmes.

"Can one accept for long that Europe should be immobilised by these agricultural contradictions while agriculture represents only 10 per cent of European activity?" Stoleru wrote in the Feb 2 edition of the French daily Le Monde.

Yet the European public at large also seems unsure of the importance of agriculture in their society and the need for changes in farm policies.

### Survey

In a survey published last week by the EEC commission, 59 per cent of the respondents said they believed governments should continue subsidising agriculture. Only one-third felt the EEC was devoting too much of its budget to farming. Yet two-thirds said neither consumers nor farmers had benefited from the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy.

## Sony tries to crack US computer market

NEW YORK, Feb. 8, (UPI): Sony Corporation of America is renewing its efforts to crack the US computer market, announcing it would sell a family of workstations and associated software.

Tokyo-based Sony Corp's US arm said last week it formed Sony Microsystems Co. to market its Net Work Station (NEWS) workstations. The Unix-based, 32-bit workstations are designed for use by programmers, engineers and scientists working in computer networks on software engineering, technical publishing and electrical and mechanical design applications.

But securities analysts familiar with Sony said the company faces serious obstacles in its efforts to penetrate the highly competitive US market for sophisticated computer hardware.

### Technology

The analysts noted that while Sony has superb distribution channels for its consumer electronics products, it is weak in distributing to commercial customers.

"They've got the technology and the product, but they don't have the marketing, distribution and service capabilities that are 90 per cent of the game," one analyst said.

Sony said the products will initially be targeted at computer-aided software engineering and technical publishing segments of the \$2 billion market for general-purpose engineering workstations.

The equipment will be sold by

original equipment manufacturers and value-added reseller channels, Sony said, but the new company also will have access to the parent's sales channels for professional broadcast and video equipment and government business.

The first NEWS models sold in the United States will be the NWS-711, priced at \$3,995, and NWS-841 at \$19,900. Initial shipments of the two workstations, to be sold in tandem, are expected in April.

### Success

The News family was developed in Japan by Sony's Microsystems Group, a unit headed by Toshio Doi, who headed the electronics giant's development of Digital Audio Tape Technology.

"The NEWS family of workstations is the price-performance leader in Japan," Doi said. "It is our intention to transfer that success to the United States."

The equipment will be produced at Sony's 750,000 square foot (67,000 sq m) television production facility near San Diego.

"Sony is committed to the US computer technology markets for the long term," said Masahiro Morimoto, Sony Microsystems president.

Sony Microsystems said software products made by Frame Technology Corp., Ide, Ikuke, Knowledge Corp., Engineering Mechanics Research Corp. and Unify Corp. will be sold in association with the NEWS workstations.



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1990.0
ABBAY LFE	242.0	188.0
ALD LYONS	326.0	318.0
AMSTRAD	132.0	130.0
ARGYLL GP	181.0	180.0
ASDA NFI	168.0	168.0
A B FOODS	299.0	299.0
BAA PP	105.0	105.0
BAT INDS	448.0	448.0
BARCLAYS	412.0	412.0
BASS	765.0	765.0
BEAZER	180.0	180.0
BEECHAMS	456.0	456.0
BET ORD	231.0	231.0
BICC PLC	324.0	324.0
BLUE ARW	88.0	88.0
BLUE CIRC	410.0	410.0
BOD GP	224.0	224.0
BOOTS CO	260.0	260.0
BR CONW	285.0	285.0
BR AIRWAY	149.0	149.0
BR AEROSP	341.5	341.5
BR GAS PP	130.0	130.0
B.P.	254.0	254.0
B.P. NEW	75.0	75.0
BR TELCOM	235.0	235.0
BRITTOIL	492.0	492.0
BUNZL	162.0	162.0
BURNHAM OL	472.0	472.0
BURTON	229.0	229.0
CABLESWIR	329.0	329.0
CADBURYS	236.0	236.0
COATS VVY	245.0	245.0
COIN UN	305.0	305.0
COIN GOLD	770.0	770.0
COOKSON	322.0	322.0
COURTAULD	317.0	317.0
DALGETY	177.0	177.0
DEE CP	177.0	177.0
DIXONS	182.0	182.0
ENG CHINA	383.0	383.0
ENTER DIL	285.0	285.0
FERRANTI	78.0	78.0
FISONS	245.0	245.0
GEN ACCID	805.0	805.0
GEN ELEC	150.0	150.0
GLAXO	972.0	972.0
GRANDMET	318.0	318.0
GLOBE	131.0	131.0
GUARD RYL	843.0	843.0
GUN	277.0	277.0
GUINNESS	268.0	268.0
HANSON	500.0	500.0
HARROGATE	124.0	124.0
HAWLEY	101.0	101.0
HILLSDOWN	275.0	275.0

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## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1349.0	1387.1	1410.9	1373.3
FT 300 SHR	0	997.4	997.4	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	892.42	895.88	870.22
FT GOV SEC	0	89.08	89.25	88.49
FT GOLD HN	0	251.0	241.7	302.1
FT GOLD	0	400.32	412.79	450.65
FT OIL	0	1750.9	1774.4	1663.6
FT DLR	116.27	116.92	116.77	115.04
FT DLR STG	98.20	98.35	97.95	90.79
FT DLR LDC	103.95	104.31	103.93	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS SHARPLY DOWN ON RATE FEARS, WALL STREET  
LONDON, FEB 8 - U.K. EQUITIES STOOD SHARPLY LOWER IN LATE TRADING ON WORRIES THAT DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES WILL HAVE TO RISE AGAIN IN THE NEAR TERM TO CONTAIN INFLATION, AND ON THE ESCALATION OF INDUSTRIAL UNREST WITHIN MAJOR U.K. COMPANIES, DEALERS SAID.

THE EARLY 20 POINT FALL ON WALL STREET DID NOTHING TO HELP SENTIMENT, ALTHOUGH MANY DEALERS SAID THAT ANOTHER 1/2 POINT HIKE IN INTEREST RATES IS DISCOUNTED, GIVEN THE SCALE OF TODAY'S SLUMP IN PRICES. THE FTSE 100 INDEX AT 1530 GHT WAS DOWN A NET 48.0 POINTS (2.75 PCT) AT 1,689.8, BUT AT 1500 GHT VOLUME WAS A MODEST 309 MLN SHARES.

THE FTSE 100 HAD TOUCHED A LOW OF 1,687.5 JUST AFTER THE LOWER NEW YORK OPENING. DEALERS SAID THE BULK OF THE FALL REFLECTED TRADERS' MARK DOWNS AND THERE WAS LITTLE HEAVY SELLING, ALTHOUGH SOME DETECTED SMALL CLIENT LIQUIDATION THIS MORNING.

DEALERS WERE PARTICULARLY DEPRESSED BECAUSE INSTITUTIONAL LIQUIDITY IS CURRENTLY AT A HIGH LEVEL AND THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR A RALLY. "THIS MARKET IS SICK," ONE DEALER SAID. "WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR DIRECTION AND I'M AFRAID WE'VE FOUND IT DOWNWARDS." HE ALSO SAID FOREIGN INVESTORS WERE UNLIKELY TO PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE U.K. MARKET BECAUSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

## London Gold

LONDON, FEB 8 - GOLD BULLION EDGED BACK UP TOWARDS ITS HIGHS THIS AFTERNOON, ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS WERE COMPARATIVELY ITS HIGHS WITH THE UPWARD MOVE MIRRORED COMEX, DEALERS SAID.  
GOLD CLOSED AT 443.50/444.00 DLR/AN OUNCE, UP FROM OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 439.20/439.70 AND 438.50/439.00 DLR/AN OUNCE.

THE MARKET TODAY APPEARED TO STAGE A MODERATE RECOVERY AFTER FRIDAY'S 9-1/2 MONTH LOWS, ALTHOUGH APART FROM INITIAL TRADING THIS MORNING CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY ROUTINE.  
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## London Money Market

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FFR	5.745/759	10.0510/0690	337.380/980	FIX
SFR	1.3940/3950	2.4367/4399	81.78/89	24.23/26
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ENG CHINA	383.0	383.0
ENTER DIL	285.0	285.0
FERRANTI	78.0	78.0
FISONS	245.0	245.0
GEN ACCID	805.0	805.0
GEN ELEC	150.0	150.0
GLAXO	972.0	972.0
GRANDMET	318.0	318.0
GLOBE	131.0	131.0
GUARD RYL	843.0	843.0
GUN	277.0	277.0
GUINNESS	268.0	268.0
HANSON	500.0	500.0
HARROGATE	124.0	124.0
HAWLEY	101.0	101.0
HILLSDOWN	275.0	275.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1349.0	1387.1	1410.9	1373.3
FT 300 SHR	0	997.4	997.4	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	892.42	895.88	870.22
FT GOV SEC	0	89.08	89.25	88.49
FT GOLD HN	0	251.0	241.7	302.1
FT GOLD	0	400.32	412.79	450.65
FT OIL	0	1750.9	1774.4	1663.6
FT DLR	116.27	116.92	116.77	115.04
FT DLR STG	98.20	98.35	97.95	90.79
FT DLR LDC	103.95	104.31	103.93	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS SHARPLY DOWN ON RATE FEARS, WALL STREET  
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THE EARLY 20 POINT FALL ON WALL STREET DID NOTHING TO HELP SENTIMENT, ALTHOUGH MANY DEALERS SAID THAT ANOTHER 1/2 POINT HIKE IN INTEREST RATES IS DISCOUNTED, GIVEN THE SCALE OF TODAY'S SLUMP IN PRICES. THE FTSE 100 INDEX AT 1530 GHT WAS DOWN A NET 48.0 POINTS (2.75 PCT) AT 1,689.8, BUT AT 1500 GHT VOLUME WAS A MODEST 309 MLN SHARES.

THE FTSE 100 HAD TOUCHED A LOW OF 1,687.5 JUST AFTER THE LOWER NEW YORK OPENING. DEALERS SAID THE BULK OF THE FALL REFLECTED TRADERS' MARK DOWNS AND THERE WAS LITTLE HEAVY SELLING, ALTHOUGH SOME DETECTED SMALL CLIENT LIQUIDATION THIS MORNING.

DEALERS WERE PARTICULARLY DEPRESSED BECAUSE INSTITUTIONAL LIQUIDITY IS CURRENTLY AT A HIGH LEVEL AND THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR A RALLY. "THIS MARKET IS SICK," ONE DEALER SAID. "WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR DIRECTION AND I'M AFRAID WE'VE FOUND IT DOWNWARDS." HE ALSO SAID FOREIGN INVESTORS WERE UNLIKELY TO PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE U.K. MARKET BECAUSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

## London Gold

LONDON, FEB 8 - GOLD BULLION EDGED BACK UP TOWARDS ITS HIGHS THIS AFTERNOON, ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS WERE COMPARATIVELY ITS HIGHS WITH THE UPWARD MOVE MIRRORED COMEX, DEALERS SAID.  
GOLD CLOSED AT 443.50/444.00 DLR/AN OUNCE, UP FROM OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 439.20/439.70 AND 438.50/439.00 DLR/AN OUNCE.

THE MARKET TODAY APPEARED TO STAGE A MODERATE RECOVERY AFTER FRIDAY'S 9-1/2 MONTH LOWS, ALTHOUGH APART FROM INITIAL TRADING THIS MORNING CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY ROUTINE.  
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REFUGEE GR	460/0	450/0
REGALION	153/0	147/0
REH1SHAW	155/0	155/0
RENOLD	55/4	55/0
RENTK1L G	182/0	182/0
ROBINSON	438/0	435/0
ROCKHARE	73/0	73/0
ROTHSCHILD	151/0	152/0
U-RLF-NOL	176/0	176/0
RONNEY	294/0	293/0
ROTORC	145/0	143/0
RUBEROLD	146/0	143/0
RGBY. P.C	230/0	226/0
SAGA. MOLE	175/0	174/0
SALVENSE	131/0	131/0
SVILLE G.G	44/0	44/0
SAVOY "A"	775/0	775/0
SCAPA GRP	215/0	213/0
SCOT. E.T	117/0	117/0
SCOT. L.B	159/0	155/0
SCOT. J.Y	117/0	116/0
SCOT. MET.	118/4	120/0
SCOT. MORT	97/0	96/0
SCT MAY C	46/0	47/0
SCT MAT I	88/4	88/4
SCT MAT 2	12/0	12/0
SCOT. TV	403/0	403/0
SCND. ALL.	704/0	700/0
SEC. T. SCO	100/0	98/0
SEKING. RA	49/0	49/0
SER. ENG.G	49/0	49/0
SIERE	318/0	313/0
SINON ENG	259/0	254/0
SINGER+GR	70/0	70/0
600 GROUP	97/0	95/0
U-STN BUS	314/0	312/0
SLOUNDER	267/0	263/0
SNITH D	354/0	350/0
SNITH U-A	289/0	289/0
SNITH U-B	61/0	61/0
SNITHS IN	230/0	226/0
SND. O.GAS	114/0	115/0
SPONG. BL	17/0	17/0
SPRING. RA	175/0	176/0
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STURGE. IL	413/0	413/0
STAKIS	99/0	100/0
U-STROMPE	193/0	194/0
STANLEY A	185/0	185/0
STVLY. IND	145/0	145/0
STREELY	301/0	300/0
STURT. MET	618/0	618/0
STORMBERG	12/4	12/4
TV. SV. ILD	72/0	70/0
TYLR. IND	385/0	384/0
TELE. SOUT	354/0	353/0
U-TWO AVE	169/0	171/0
TIE BACK	193/0	158/0
TI. PROCP	300/0	300/0
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## International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — DG bank, Luxembourg, is issuing a 300 mln mark seven-year bullet Eurobond with a 5-3/4 pct coupon, priced at 100-1/4, sole lead manager and parent, DG Bank — Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, said. (RTVX 1010)

London — The Eurosterling bond market is set for revival this year with new issues rising while gilt issue volume falls, a Merrill Lynch capital markets study said. (RTX 1203)

Frankfurt — Privatbanken A/S is issuing a 150 mln mark five-year Eurobond with a 5-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-1/2, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTVX 1143)

London — British Petroleum (Overseas) BV is issuing a 20 billion yen two-tranche Eurobond due March 3, 1993 with redemption price linked to the final price of a Japanese government bond futures contract, Daiwa International (Europe) Ltd said as lead manager, (RTXO 1330)

Munich — Bayerische Landesbank International SA, Luxembourg, is issuing a 100 mln mark five-year Eurobond with a coupon of five pct, priced at 100 1/4, the bank's parent and lead manager, Bayerische Landesbank — Girozentrale said. (RTVM 0955)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8 7/8	9-1/16 8-15/16	9-9/16 7/16
FFY 3.30/40	3.25/30	3.30/35
PAR 7-1/8 3/16	7-3/8 1/2	7-9/16 11/16
ZUR 1/8 3/8	5/8 7/8	1-1/8 1-3/8
BRX 6.80	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-13/16 3-15/16	3-13/16 3-15/16	3-15/16 4-1/16
YOK 3.4375 5000	3.6875 7500	3.8125 8750
ECU 5.87 6.12	6.00 6.12	6.18 6.31

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KLD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-7/8	4-1/8
3 months	4-1/4	4-11/8
6 months	4-1/2	4-7/8
1 year	4-3/4	5-3/16

## BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	32.25	32	32	MODIALKALI			
				GRAYTON120				HARDWACHIT			
ACC	158	159	159	GSFC	114	112	111.50	ORKAY	23.50	23.50	23.50
AMRADV	--	--	--	GUJPETRO	23	--	--	PREMAUTO	26.50	27	26.75
AMRADV400	--	--	--	GWALTORON	91.50	92	90	RAYMOND CO	--	--	--
AMRADVA CEM	9.50	9.25	9.50	RINDALCO	122	121.50	121.50	RAYMONHMOOL	48	46.50	47.50
AMRDRA VLY.	--	--	--	HYD LAMPS	--	--	--	RELIANCE	99	98	104
BAJAJ AUTO	437.50	437.50	435	IND ORG	19	19	19	SPIC	31.75	31.50	32
BAR RAYON	152.50	152.50	153.75	INDRAYON	50	49	50	STD MILLS	260	257.50	255
BOY DTYING	122	121.50	121.50	INDROL	187.50	185	180.25	STOMEDICAL	--	--	--
BSE INDEX	431.50	--	431.50	ITC	35.50	33	34	STEELTUBE	9.50	--	--
CENTURYSP	652.50	650	644.25	ITC ID	--	--	--	TATA P&R	182.50	181.25	183.75
COLGATE	197.50	197.50	197.50	ITC 120	--	--	--	TAYACHEN	65	65	68
DEEPAKFEY	31	30	30	JKSWTH	56	52.50	53	YAYAVIL	74	75	76
DEARBEMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	87	85.50	85	YELCO	362.50	365	367.50
FIOM ORG	--	--	--	NAGHARHARD	--	--	--	YELCO	362.50	365	367.50
GAMRUPOLY	82	80	79	NANDHRA	57	56	55.50	VOLTAS	285	270	260

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
ALLIANCE VR	1260.0
BADENBERG	175.8
BASF	228.0
BAYER	248.7
BAYER HYP	386.5
BAYER VER	306.0
BBC	283.0
BIF	291.0
BKW	501.5
CEMITE-VER	0
CONNERZB	208.5
CONTI GUM	180.0
DAIMER BEN	577.5
DEUTSCH BIK	386.5
DLW	299.0
DRÖPNER B	228.5
FAZ INDEX	0
GOLDSTEIN	227.0
GUTHOFF	0
HARPER	398.0
HOFMEIER AG	247.5
HOESCH	95.5
HORTEN	157.0
HUSSEL HLD	379.0
KALI SALZ	113.5
KARSTADT	378.0
KAUFHOF	326.2
KLOECK M	89.5
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	542.0
LUFTHANSA	136.0
MAN	147.0
MANHESMAN	108.0
MERCEDES	460.0
METALLGES	185.0
MINDORP	491.0
NORSK PF	41.50
PHILIP KON	602.0
PORSCHE	405.0
PREUSSAG	110.5
REINER	175.0
RHEIN P	202.0
RHEINHEAL	220.0
SALAMANDER	260.0
SCHERING	405.0
SEL	305.0
SIEMENS	356.0
THYSEN	114.7
VARTA	225.0
VEBA	243.5
VEW	165.5
VOLKSWAGEN	209.5

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	13.00
CHUNG K	6.20
CHINA GAS	15.00
CHINA F&P	17.50
CHINA MOTOR	16.00
COSMO PROP	4.30
EVERGOLD	2.27
FAR EAST C	57
GEN ORIENT	0.44
H C DEVELOP	7.80
H S INDEX	223.56
HANG LUNG	4.02
HANS SENG	27.50
HAW PAR RR	0.21
HK ELEC CO	7.40
HK KOWLOON	5.85
HK LAND CO	6.85
HK SHAN BK	6.80
HK SHAN HT	3.47
HK TELE CO	6.85
HUTCH WHAM	6.70
IND EO PAC	5.70
JARDINE H	9.90
KOWLOON H	9.90
NEW WORLD	7.15
PAUL Y CON	1.48
REALTY DEV	5.30
S H K CO	1.47
S H K PROP	7.65
STIEH DARY	1.27
STELUX NFG	4.90
SWIRE PAC	14.80
T V B CO	12.90
TAI CHEUNG	2.80
UNION BANK	1.37
WOCK HAD	0.75
WOCK HAI	0.15
WORLD INTL	2.47

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AIJIMOTO	3230	3260	AIJIMOTO	3230	3260
AKAI ELEC	505	500	AKAI ELEC	505	500
AKAI	921	921	AKAI	921	921
ASAHI GAS	1790	1780	ASAHI GAS	1790	1780
ASAHI OPT	566	575	ASAHI OPT	566	575
BANK TOKYO	1390	1400	BANK TOKYO	1390	1400
BRIDGESTON	1270	1280	BRIDGESTON	1270	1280
CANON	980	975	CANON	980	975
CASIO COMP	1180	1170	CASIO COMP	1180	1170
CHUKAI MNG	0	0	CHUKAI MNG	0	0
CITIZEN W	595	590	CITIZEN W	595	590
D-ICHI KAM	3130	3100	D-ICHI KAM	3130	3100
DAI NIP IT	774	770	DAI NIP IT	774	770
DAI NIP PT	2510	2510	DAI NIP PT	2510	2510
DAI NIP SC	970	980	DAI NIP SC	970	980
DAI NIP TO	460	457	DAI NIP TO	460	457
DAICEL	785	788	DAICEL	785	788
DAIWA H	1700	1630	DAIWA H	1700	1630
DAIWA SEC	2120	2100	DAIWA SEC	2120	2100
EBARA MFG	874	865	EBARA MFG	874	865
EISAI	2390	2400	EISAI	2390	2400
FUJITSU	1430	1440	FUJITSU	1430	1440
FUJIT BANK	3260	3270	FUJIT BANK	3260	3270
FUJII PHOTO	3920	3950	FUJII PHOTO	3920	3950
FUJISAWA	1990	2000	FUJISAWA	1990	2000
FUJITA CP	676	676	FUJITA CP	676	676
HITACHI	1230	1250	HITACHI	1230	1250
HONDA MOT	1360	1370	HONDA MOT	1360	1370
ISSETAN	1320	1310	ISSETAN	1320	1310
ITO YOKADO	4060	4050	ITO YOKADO	4060	4050
JAP SYN RU	975	980	JAP SYN RU	975	980
JAPAN AIR	13100	13300	JAPAN AIR	13100	13300
JAPAN MET	425	421	JAPAN MET	425	421
KAJIMA	1460	1470	KAJIMA	1460	1470
KANSAI EL	2610	2640	KANSAI EL	2610	2640
KAO SOAP	1880	1890	KAO SOAP	1880	1890
KAWASAKI H	312	314	KAWASAKI H	312	314
KAWASAKI S	339	334	KAWASAKI S	339	334
KIRI BREV	2100	2100	KIRI BREV	2100	2100
KOMATSU	606	610	KOMATSU	606	610
KURATO LTD	553	554	KURATO LTD	553	554
KYOCERA	5370	5400	KYOCERA	5370	5400
MAKITA EL	1690	1680	MAKITA EL	1690	1680
MARUI	3000	2990	MARUI	3000	2990
MATSUYA EI	2220	2220	MATSUYA EI	2220	2220
MATSUYA EL	2190	2200	MATSUYA EL	2190	2200
MEIJI SEIK	930	926	MEIJI SEIK	930	926

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE NARROWLY MIXED IN LIGHT TRADE. TOKYO, FEB 8 - SHARE PRICES CLOSED NARROWLY MIXED IN THIN TRADE IN THE ABSENCE OF FRESH FACTORS AND AHEAD OF A HOLIDAY HERE ON THURSDAY AND A THREE-DAY WEEKEND IN THE U.S., BROKERS SAID.

"THE INDEX HADN'T REALLY GONE UP OR DOWN," SAID HIROYUKI WADA, GENERAL MANAGER AT OKASAKI SECURITIES. "THERE IS REALLY NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT (THE LACK OF ACTIVITY)."

THE HIKKEI AVERAGE SLIPPED 19.59 POINTS, OR 0.05 PCT, TO 23,771.60. THE INDEX GAINED 140.39 POINTS IN HALF-DAY TRADING ON SATURDAY. ADVANCES LED DECLINES 1.2 TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 430 MLN SHARES AGAINST 260 MLN.

AIRLINE, PHARMACEUTICAL, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, BANK, COMMUNICATIONS, SERVICE AND RUBBER ISSUES FELL. PRECISION INSTRUMENT, ROLLING STOCK AND AUTO SHARES GAINED. BROKERS SAID NOT BUYING WAS SPECULATIVE AND TRENDS WERE DIFFICULT TO DISCERN IN TODAY'S TRADE, WHICH FEATURED THE LIGHTEST FULL-DAY TURNOVER SINCE JANUARY 13.

THERE WAS SOME SELLING BY INVESTMENT TRUSTS, BUT BROKERS SAID MOST INVESTORS WERE SIDELINED.

"IT IS VERY QUIET, WITH NO NEW FACTORS AND NOT VERY MUCH IN THE NEWSPAPERS," ONE BROKER SAID.

"THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO SPUR US UP OR DOWN DRAMATICALLY," THE BROKER ADDED.

EXPORT-RELATED SECTORS WERE FIRM DUE TO THE STABLE DOLLAR, BROKERS SAID, WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ELECTRICAL SHARES.

TOYO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, AN EQUIPMENT MAKER BELONGING TO THE NEC GROUP, ROSE 140 YEN TO 2,740, AND MIRESE ELECTRIC, A MANUFACTURER OF CONNECTORS, GAINED 140 TO 5,340.

THERE WAS ALSO SOME BUYING OF SHARES ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC SPENDING, SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION, AND ADVANCES IN CONSUMER DEMAND-RELATED STOCKS, BROKERS SAID.

## Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, FEB 8 - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY LOWER AFTER THE MARKET PLUNGED THROUGH ITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT LINE DURING THE MORNING SESSION, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 69.03 POINTS, OR 3.01 PCT, TO 2,223.56. THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS 46.59 POINTS LOWER AT 1,451. TURNOVER TOTALLED 520.48 MLN H.K. DLS AGAINST 416.50 MLN ON FRIDAY.

BROKERS SAID BEARISH SENTIMENT WAS DOMINANT, REINFORCED BY THE CONSIDERABLE DISCOUNT OF HANG SENG INDEX FUTURES TO THE CASH MARKET INDEX, AN INDICATION OF FURTHER SELLING PRESSURE.

## AMMAN

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AL HIMME MINERALS	0.79	0.79	AL HIMME MINERALS	0.79	0.79
AL-HISER EXCHANGE	0.89	0.90	AL-HISER EXCHANGE	0.89	0.90
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.34	1.34	ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.34	1.34
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.90	1.92	ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.90	1.92
ARAB BANK	121.2	122.0	ARAB BANK	121.2	122.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.79	4.60	ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.79	4.60
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48	ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	1.00	ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	1.00
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	---	---	ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	---	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.95	0.96	ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.95	0.96
ARAB INT. INVEST	0.53	0.58	ARAB INT. INVEST	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR. INV. TRD	2.10	2.05	ARAB JOR. INV. TRD	2.10	2.05
ARAB JOR. INVEST	0.33	0.34	ARAB JOR. INVEST	0.33	0.34
ARAB PHARMA. HANF.	2.07	2.09	ARAB PHARMA. HANF.	2.07	2.09
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75	ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	16.30	16.27	BANK OF JORDAN	16.30	16.27
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	26.50	27.41	CAIRO AMMAN BANK	26.50	27.41
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.40	0.40	DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.40	0.40
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.41	1.45	DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.41	1.45
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.44	0.44	DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.44	0.44
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.64	0.64	DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.64	0.64
FINANCE/CREDIT/CDR	0.63	0.64	FINANCE/CREDIT/CDR	0.63	0.64
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.28	1.30	GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.28	1.30
GENERAL MINING	1.55	1.50	GENERAL MINING	1.55	1.50
HOLY LAND INS.	1.15	1.20	HOLY LAND INS.	1.15	1.20
IND. MACH. JENCO	0.76	0.76	IND. MACH. JENCO	0.76	0.76
INDSTR. DEVELOP. BIK	1.28	1.29	INDSTR. DEVELOP. BIK	1.28	1.29
INDSTR. COMM/AGV	1.35	1.40	INDSTR. COMM/AGV	1.35	1.40
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---	INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---
INTERN. PETRO/CH	1.46	1.46	INTERN. PETRO/CH	1.46	1.46
INTERN. COM/INV	0.64	0.64	INTERN. COM/INV	0.64	0.64
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.97	IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.97
ISLAND INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ISLAND INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
J.P. PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.20	J.P. PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.20
JERUSALEM INS.	1.28	1.28	JERUSALEM INS.	1.28	1.28
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.20	13.50	JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.20	13.50
JOR. CEMENT FACT.	1.01	1.01	JOR. CEMENT FACT.	1.01	1.01
JOR. CEMENT FACT.	1.06	1.06	JOR. CEMENT FACT.	1.06	1.06
JOR. EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	JOR. EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR. ELECTRIC POWER	1.47	1.47	JOR. ELECTRIC POWER	1.47	1.47
JOR. FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.26	JOR. FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.26
JOR. CLASS. INDUSTRY	1.07	1.06	JOR. CLASS. INDUSTRY	1.07	1.06
JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR. INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.70	1.81	JOR. INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.70	1.81



## Indonesia and Egypt to step up trade

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Feb. 8, (AP): Indonesia and Egypt agreed today to further boost their trade by increasing the exports of different commodities on a reciprocal basis.

The agreement came after the first meeting of the Indonesia-Egypt joint commission's three days of talks.

The Indonesian commodities include plywood products, rubber and rubber products, coffee, tea and oil-palm seeds, in addition to manufactured products. Egypt offered its export goods such as coriander seeds, phosphate, iron and steel products, aluminium products, mahi, textile paint and chemical substances.

Both sides also agreed to study the possibility of certain joint marketing of export goods and the mutual use of facilities available in free trade zones.

The two parties also said technical cooperation in economic development of the two countries will be stepped up.

Indonesia will continue offering Egypt a programme of training in various fields, particularly in family planning, and Egypt, its programme on training in agriculture and university scholarships.

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# Dollar and share prices retreat

LONDON, Feb. 8, (Reuters): The dollar and shares in New York and London retreated today with London's Stock Exchange, hit by worries over a Ford Car workers' strike and other signs of new British trade union militancy, dropping more than 40 points.

After rising at the end of last week, the dollar began Europe's trading day at its best for 12 weeks and touched 1.7065 West German marks. But it had eased a pfennig to 1.6960 by the European close.

Dealers attributed its early strength to optimism that US December trade figures, due on Friday, would show the United States trade deficit continuing to narrow. Later, markets were a little more cautious.

**Date**  
"No one was all that ambitious today. Everything hinges on the trade data, as usual," said Oswald Dittich, foreign exchange manager of Bank of America in Frankfurt.

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Signs that the US economy may be losing had helped the dollar last week — a slowdown ought to curb imports and correct the trade deficit — but were bad for Wall Street stocks.

In early US business today the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 20 points to 1,890 before rallying a little.

Wall Street's decline contributed to nervousness on London's Stock Exchange where the FTSE index of the value of 100 bluechip stocks ended down 43.3 points or 2.5 per cent at 1,694.5.

**Fears**  
Dealers blamed fears that British interest rates are set to move higher and worries about a resurgence of militancy among British workers.

British Ford Car workers began their first national pay strike in 10 years today. Some supervisory staff in the oilfield's coalmines and ferry crews operating across the channel to continental Europe were also

striking.

"This market is sick," one dealer said. "We've been looking for direction and I'm afraid we've found it downwards."

British bank base lending rates were put up by half a percentage point to nine per cent last week to curb a consumer spending boom which has resulted in a surge of imports.

**Thin**  
London brokers said the market fears a further rise soon. London trading volume was thin with market-makers marking prices down defensively.

The pound sterling stood up well to the worrying day, closing unchanged at \$1.7545.

The gold price closed at London at \$443.75 an ounce, above 9-1/2 month lows touched on Friday.

In Frankfurt, thin trading on the bourse marked the start of the week with prices generally firmer on the back of the more robust dollar but a rally faltered after 30

minutes when foreign investors showed no interest.

The Boersen-Zeitung stock index ended up just 0.86 points or 0.3 per cent at 263.6.

French shares turned lower in the afternoon and the 50-share bourse indicator ended down 0.38 per cent. In Zurich, Swiss shares began the week steady.

Dutch shares eased after Wall Street opened the week lower.

Earlier, the Tokyo Stock Exchange finished narrowly mixed after a sleepy day of thin trading, with dealers awaiting Friday's US trade figures. The Nikkei Average slipped 19.59 points, or 0.08 per cent, to 23,771.60.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index dropped 77 points to 2,215, according to preliminary figures.

Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index fell 16 points to 1,203.5, its second lowest close since the October crash. The fall was largely due to plummeting gold prices, brokers said.

## Non-Opec oil producers may boost output

LONDON, Feb. 8, (Kunal): Non-Opec oil production in the first quarter of 1988 was running more than 500,000 barrels per day ahead of the year-earlier pace, according to latest estimates.

A leading specialised publication, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW), said in its latest issue today that the group has probably absorbed virtually all of the estimated rise to world oil demand over the same period.

It predicted that non-Opec output may climb another 300,000 to 400,000 b/d this year.

**Trend**  
The New York-based PIW which is widely read in oil circles here, maintained that this trend would make it very difficult for Opec to gain much of an increase for its own production, particularly should demand growth slow down.

The largest increment of new non-Opec exports is from the "newcomer" the Arab Republic of Yemen.

But the newsletter pointed out that at least nine other large exporters from Mexico to Syria are also producing more than a year ago.

At the same time the once steep drop in the US output has slowed considerably, while Britain's expected North Sea decline has not taken place — it is clearly back to the year-ago level.

Meanwhile, PIW believed that some leading oil-Opec exporters are restraining production growth in support of Opec.

The "terms-of-trade" loss associated with the US dollar's sharp depreciation between December 1985 and 1986, combined with the sudden fall in crude prices, severely eroded the earning capacity of oil exporting countries and companies, it was reported in Vienna today.

In annual report for 1986 the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) further notes that the fall in crude prices through the calendar year 1986 was not proportionately reflected in the decline of retail product prices in the major consuming countries.

**Value**  
The depreciation of the US dollar's value against other major currencies in 1986 continued a trend that started after the dollar peaked in March of 1985. The decline was 13 per cent in

relation to an import weighted basket of major currencies.

The drop was part of the swinging in exchange rates that has characterised the international monetary system since floating exchange rates emerged in the 1970s.

By the end of 1986, the US dollar had fallen by 30 per cent against the basket made up of the German mark, Italian lira, Belgian, French and Swiss francs, Japanese yen, Dutch florin, Swedish krona and British pound.

**Decline**  
The decline largely reflects deliberate policy by the US government, the Opec report says, adding that the failure of the US to improve its trade balance as a result of the dollar's lower value increased trade protectionist pressures in the USA with a spillover effect on the oil industry.

The real purchasing power of a (weighted average) price of one barrel of Opec crude fell by 48 per cent between the months of December of 1985 and 1986. This assessment is based on the spot dollar price of crude, adjusted for exchange rates and export price

index of the major industrialised countries.

The sharp fall in the value of Opec oil mainly reflects the collapse of the dollar-denominated price of crude and the depreciation of the currency during the year.

Beneficiaries were the importing countries. Between the two Decembers under review, the real import cost in domestic currency fell by 35.7 per cent in the United States, 33.3 per cent in Japan, 25.2 per cent in France, 24.1 per cent in West Germany, 20.4 per cent in Italy and 19.9 per cent in the United Kingdom.

**Prices**  
The sharp fall in crude prices in 1986 was not proportionately reflected in the decline of retail product prices in the major consuming countries. The retail price of the composite barrel, when compared with the larger decrease in crude costs, reflect the continuation of a trend whereby crude prices drop faster than those of products when oil prices are falling. Similarly, product prices rise at a much faster pace than those of crude when prices follow an upward course, the Opec report says.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Prices closed sharply weaker as selling of mining stocks, sparked by softer bullion prices, spilled over into other sectors. At close of trade, the All Ordinaries index was 16.0 points (1.3 per cent) lower at 1,203.5.

**TOKYO:** Shares closed narrowly mixed in thin trade in the absence of fresh factors. The Nikkei Average slipped 19.59 points or 0.08 per cent to 23,771.60.

**HONG KONG:** Share prices closed sharply lower after the market plunged through its technical support line during the morning session. The Hang Seng index fell 77 points, or 3.01 per cent, to 2,215.60.

**SINGAPORE:** Stocks closed easier across the board, but above the day's lows, after short-covering and bargain hunting helped a rebound in the afternoon. The Straits Times industrial index fell 10.63 points to 839.22 from Friday's close.

**BOMBAY:** Share prices took widespread losses with nervous speculative selling triggered by fears that mounting defence expenditure may lead to heavier taxation. Tata Steel fell 7.25 rupees to 666.25.

**FRANKFURT:** Prices closed near the day's lowest levels after an early advance ran out of steam. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, was up 9.2 at 1,268.9.

**ZURICH:** Prices were mostly unchanged on moderate to higher turnover. At 1330 GMT the All-Share Swiss index was unchanged at 787.0.

**LONDON:** Prices fell and dealers said they looked set to drop even further in line with the lower trend on Wall Street. At 1200 GMT the FTSE 100 had lost 48.5 at 1,689.3.

**Iran signs trade pact**  
NICOSIA, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Iran and New Zealand signed a trade protocol to exchange Iranian crude oil for food and technology from New Zealand, Tehran radio reported today.

The radio, monitored in Cyprus, said Iran would receive food plants, dairy products, livestock, paper factories, minerals and agricultural products in return for oil. It gave no figures.

The protocol was signed by Iranian Agriculture Minister Abbas Ali Zali and New Zealand Agriculture Minister Colin Moyle, who is now visiting Tehran, it said.

Iran's National News Agency IRNA quoted Zali as saying Iran imported New Zealand butter, livestock and wool worth \$250 million a year between 1981 and 1986.



HH the Amir yesterday met delegates attending the 10th conference of the Arab Economists Federation.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

### KD rates continue to be stable

BASED on opening middle market FX rates, the KD rates continued to be stable against the US dollar moving in a tight range over the week ending at 275.79 fils slightly below its week before last closing of 274.56 fils.

The KD firmed against the Pound Sterling finishing the week higher at 486.36 fils compared to week before last closing at 489.13 fils.

The KD also had posted gains against the SFR ending the week below 200 fils for the first time since mid Nov last at 199.70 fils higher than week before last closing of 202.55 fils.

As against the JY the KD maintained its advance to finish the week at 798.23 fils near its week before last closing of 798.72 fils. The KD was generally stable against other major currencies and the GCC currencies.

**World stock markets**  
Wall Street stock prices weakened last week on uncertainty about the outlook for the economy and interest rates, arbitrage selling, and a drop below a technical support level of 1920.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 1944 and closed lower at 1910, losing 48 points over the week before last closing at 1958.

The chairman of the NYSE, John Pheasant, told the Senate Banking Committee that he expects more disciplinary actions resulting from the market collapse in October, and that the Big Board might take away stocks from specialists who failed to meet exchange standards.

Over last week, prices of shares in the London Stock Exchange retreated sharply under a 1/2 per cent increase to 9 per cent in UK base lending rates earlier in the week and partly on bearishness for the new account which started on Friday 5, and partly on speculation in the FTSE 100 futures markets that the index was heading for 1660 points.

The FTSE-100 opened the week at 1789 and closed lower at 1731, losing 60 points over the week before last closing at 1791.

**US dollar**  
The dollar further consolidated its uptrend closing the week higher against all major currencies propelling on the back of some technical factors and positive sentiment related to the 3-legged US Quarterly Refunding Auction of \$27 billion for 3 and 10 year notes and 30-year bonds that took place between Feb 2-4 (settlement date Feb 6), and was regarded as moderately successful seeing a more healthy demand by domestic investors.

The cut in US Banks prime rates by 1/4 per cent to 8-1/2 per cent has put a cap on dollar's rise.

**Japanese yen**  
The yen movement was still confined to a tight range. The yen opened and ended the week against the dollar at the same level of 129.35/45 yen, below its week before last closing of 128.00/10 and down from the highest level it reached on Thursday at 127.90/00 yen before it came to an easier close as a result of firmer dollar tone supported by healthy demand for US Treasury Quarterly Auction.

The yen didn't breach the important 130 level.

**Precious metals**  
Gold prices weakened considerably, breaking the 440 \$/oz resistance level to end the week at its lowest closing level since mid-April last year, on firmer dollar and heavy stop-loss selling and long liquidation.

They opened the week at 453/453.50 \$/oz and ended sharply lower at 438.50/439 \$/oz, showing a loss of \$17.50 over the previous week's closing of 456/456.50 \$/oz.

**Silver**  
Silver bullion prices opened the week at 6.52/6.54 \$/oz and closed sharply lower at 6.30/6.32 \$/oz, its lowest close since early November showing a loss of 21 cents over the previous week's closing of 6.51/6.53 \$/oz.

The decline late in the week reflected a late drop in gold to 9-1/2 month lows.

**Platinum**  
Platinum prices weakened over last week to close at its lowest level since late July 1986.

After opening at 454.50/456.50 \$/oz, they closed lower at 442/444 \$/oz showing a loss of \$15 over the previous week's closing of 457/459 \$/oz.

## Slower growth predicted for UK

This is the second part of the article "Kuwait market continues to enjoy ample levels of liquidity." The first part appeared in the Arab Times on Feb. 8.

The poorer than anticipated UK trade numbers and concerns raised by the governor of the Bank of England that the economy appears to be overheating, cautioning a need for milder retrenchment, has eased upward pressure on the £/DM cross rate, with sterling slipping from its DM3.00 ceiling.

The current account is estimated to have been in deficit by £595mn in November compared with shortfall of £282mn in the previous month.

Despite indications of strong positive growth, on balance, earlier overheating concerns appear to have been slightly eroded by recent figures.

Estimates for manufacturing output indicated a 0.5 per cent fall in the November after a 1.4 per cent rise the previous month and retail sales dropped by more than 1.0 per cent in December.

Retail prices as yet remain unaffected (a 0.1 per cent fall in December brought the year-on-year increase to 3.7 per cent), whilst the fall in unemployment of 34,500 in November, compares with an average 50,000 decline over the last six months and would suggest the improving trend is beginning to flatten out.

Although one month's figures do not provide a firm indication of future trends a slowdown in activity over the months ahead appears likely.

The recent uptick in the US unit brought the \$/DM rate at one point to DM1.69.

However, with the dollar's strength short-lived the German unit adjusted back to current DM1.67.

The DM continues to hold steady against sterling at DM2.98 and has edged slightly lower vis-a-vis the yen to Y76.5.

On a trade-weighted basis the index fell back two points to 149.6.

West Germany ended the year with a DM11.3 billion surplus in December which was an increase of 2.8 per cent from the November figure of DM10.99 billion, although this was down 1.7 per cent from the December 1986 surplus of DM11.5 billion.

Exports for 1987 declined slightly by 0.3 per cent to DM524.6 billion whilst imports eased by 1.2 per cent to DM408.8 billion.

The strong trade performance in December contributed to a record surplus of DM11.8 billion for 1987, a 2.8 per cent increase on the previous record of DM11.2 billion in 1986.

This gap extends further the controversial imbalance in West Germany's foreign trade position and although it is expected to shrink this year, a figure of DM90 billion still represents a considerable imbalance.

The federal deficit is now expected to total DM440 billion compared with DM29.5 billion laid down in the 1988 budget approved by parliament at the end of last year.

Revenues have been affected

by the turnaround in economic activity whilst the fall in the dollar has influenced returns from the Bundesbank. As a consequence the administration has decided to cut the Federal Government borrowing by DM10bn next year through a combination of increased taxation and reduced expenditure.

**Japanese yen**  
Frenzied activity over the new year saw the yen move to record highs of ¥/Y121. The decisive central authority action which followed and better than expected US trade numbers however, brought the yen back to ¥/Y130.

On a trade-weighted basis the effective index lost slightly on the month to 240.4.

On the crosses the yen appreciated marginally vis-a-vis the DM to Y76.5.

The euphoria of the improved US trade numbers was understandably dampened by the announced widening in Japan's unadjusted trade surplus with the US to \$4.9 billion in December, compared with \$4.74 billion year earlier.

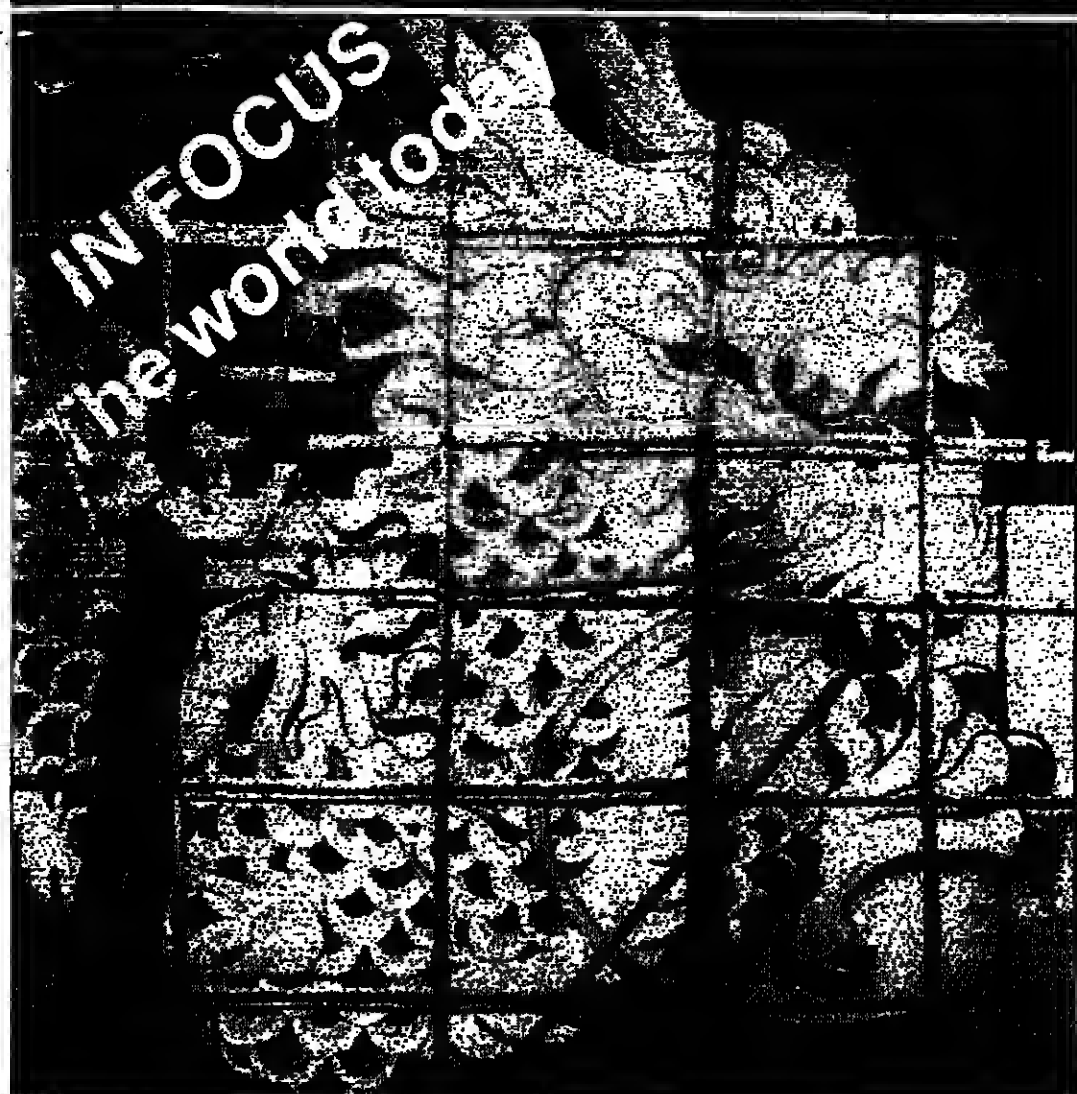
Whilst imports from the US increased by 27.8 per cent to \$3.1 billion export performance provided a further 11.8 per cent increase on the year to \$8.0 billion.

Japan's overall trade surplus for December narrowed marginally to \$8.6 billion from \$8.7 billion on the month and for the year as a whole the surplus decreased to \$79.8 billion from \$82.7 billion in 1986.

Concluded

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**WORKERS** put the finishing touches on a wooden dragon decoration in Hong Kong's central district on Friday in preparation for the upcoming Lunar New Year festivities which commence Feb 17. (Reuters wirephoto)



**A FILE PICTURE** showing United Nations Relief and Works Agency workers William Jorgensen of Norway (left) and Jan Stening (right) of Sweden taken in late 1987. The two were kidnapped near Sidon, Lebanon, Feb 5. (Reuters wirephoto)



**WITH Valentine's Day** just around the corner a store in England has begun selling a romantic wedding gown for those daring brides-to-be. The frothy tulle dress has a fitted satin bodice and is trimmed with dozens of rosebuds. (Reuters wirephoto)



**POLICE** officers search for clues amongst the debris of a West German commuter plane which crashed near the town of Muehlheim in the industrial Ruhr area yesterday killing all 19 passengers and two crew members. (Reuters wirephoto)



**A SHOP** assistant Kyoko Karitani gazes at a platinum and gold version of Botticelli's Birth of Venus, worth about \$3.9 million, on display at a precious metals store in downtown Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)



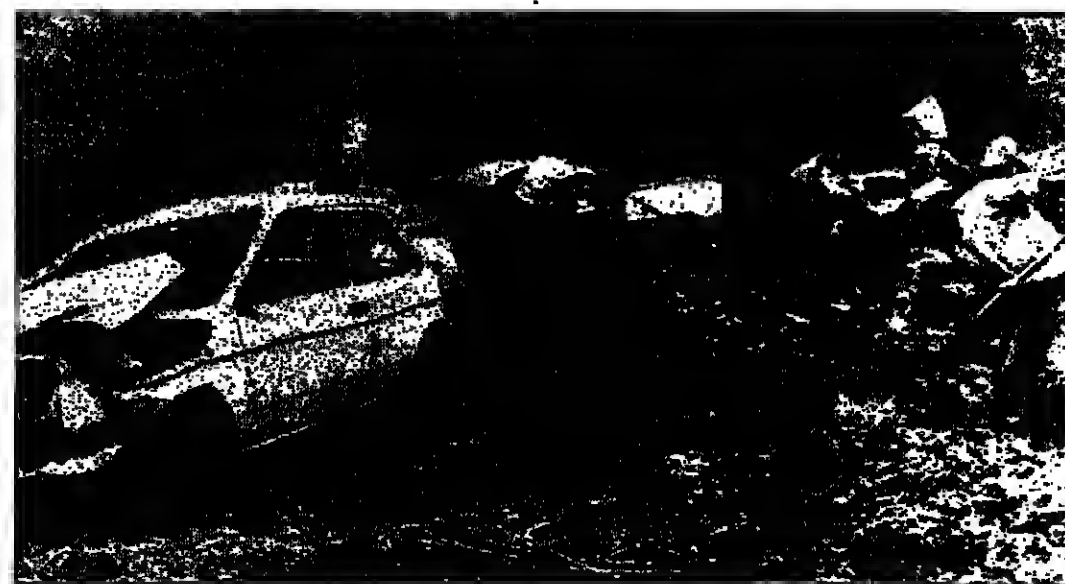
**AUSTRALIAN** Immigration Minister Mick Young, 51, (in recent file photo) resigned from parliament on Monday in the wake of a political scandal involving a donation to the ruling Labour party. (Reuters wirephoto)



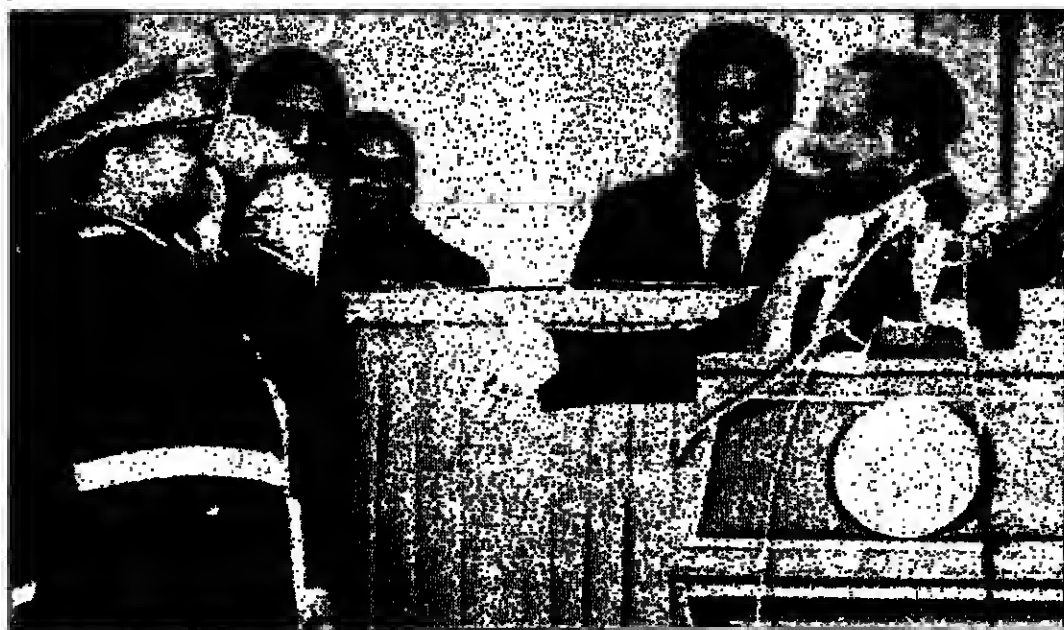
**A WIDE-EYED** boy, just arrived in Johannesburg from a remote tribal homeland to stay with his mother in a multi-racial high-rise district, is taken to a park in the company of a white neighbour. (Reuters wirephoto)



**FIREMEN** cut into the hull of the Chinese cargo vessel Luk Hong in an attempt to reach four crewmen trapped when the ship capsized in Hong Kong waters Sunday night. Despite all-night rescue efforts, two crewmen were found dead and two were reported missing. There were six survivors. (Reuters wirephoto)



**BRAZILIAN** rescue teams dig up mud that piled up in a street as they looked for victims that were buried by the avalanches caused by the heavy rains that have fallen in the Rio de Janeiro area for the past few days. The rains have caused about 150 deaths and 600 injuries. (Reuters wirephoto)



**OUTGOING** Haitian leader L. Gen. Henri Namphy salutes incoming President Leslie Manigat as Manigat offers his hand on Sunday after being sworn in as President of Haiti. Manigat took office on the second anniversary of the ouster of the Duvalier regime. (Reuters wirephoto)



**FORMER** French Prime Minister Raymond Barre launched his campaign to become president of France in Lyon yesterday. Barre is seen as the French right's main hope of unseating Francois Mitterrand. (Reuters wirephoto)



**WEST GERMAN** Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher (right) looks over his shoulder as the European Community foreign ministers sit around the corner table prior to their meeting yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



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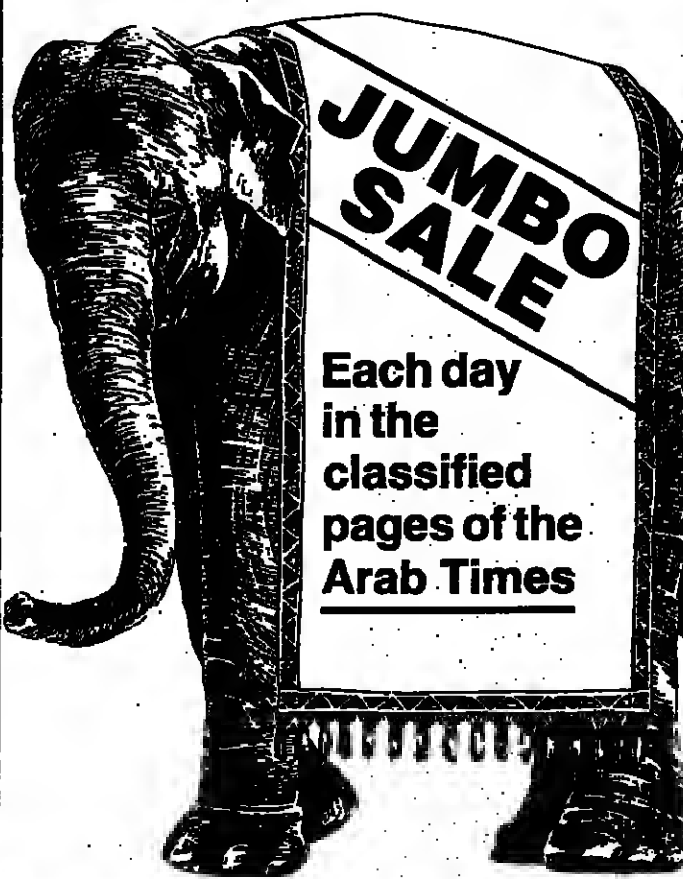
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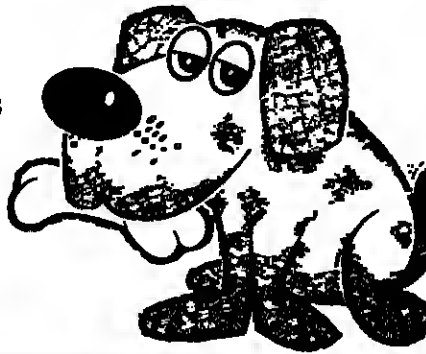
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Schoenlebe equals record

SINDELINGEN, West Germany, Feb. 8. (AP): East Germany's Thomas Schoenlebe equalled his 2-day-old world indoor record in the 400-metre dash, clocking 45.05 seconds yesterday in an international track and field meet.

Friday, Schoenlebe broke his world record of 45.41, set at Vienna, Austria, on Feb. 9, 1986. He matched the mark Sunday.

## Budd urged to withdraw

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Britain's Angela Tooby has called on her Southern African-born teammate Zola Budd to withdraw from the World Cross Country Championships in Auckland, New Zealand, next month.

The New Zealand government, worried about a possible African boycott of the 1990 Commonwealth Games, has said Budd is not acceptable in New Zealand although she will not be turned away.

## Aouita to quit

RABAT, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Morocco's world 5,000 metres champion Said Aouita says he will quit running after the Seoul Olympic Games later this year.

"I think that at 28 years old I have run enough and it is better to leave through the front than the side door. I have decided to go to Seoul and then stop," he told the Moroccan magazine the Matin Du Sahara in an interview published yesterday.

## Asian Cup soccer

INDIA held a 0-0 tie with Bangladesh in Saturday's group A match of the Ninth Asian Cup soccer qualifying tournament in Abu Dhabi.

The two sides, played under well-matched forces, saw no opportunities to score goals throughout the whole 90-minute game. Hosts the United Arab Emirates (UAE) chalked up its second triumph on Sunday as it outplayed the Yemen Arab Republic 2-1.

## Sjoberg fails

GENK, Belgium, Feb. 8. (Reuters): World champion Patrick Sjoberg of Sweden made three unsuccessful attempts to break his world indoor high jump record yesterday — but believes he can improve the mark soon.

Sjoberg, despite being troubled earlier by stomach problems, said only small technical details prevented him from bettering his record of 2.41 metres by one centimetre at the third golden high jump competition.

## Long jump record

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Larry Myricks of the United States set the best long jump mark of the year yesterday, clearing 8.38 metres at an indoor meeting.

Canadian Mark McKoy returned a sparkling 7.50 seconds to the women's 60-metre hurdles, while world indoor champion Nelli Cooman of the Netherlands was only seven hundredths of a second off her own world record with 7.07 seconds for the women's 60 metres.

## Chess pairings

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick, Feb. 8. (AP): The World Chess Federation announced the pairings yesterday for eight players who will compete to challenge Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union for the World Chess Championship.

Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union will play Johann Hjartarson of Iceland and Soviet Artur Yusupov will face against Kevin Spraggett of Canada, according to the federation president, Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines.

## Prince's dreams

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Bob-sledding Crown Prince Albert of Monaco, racing for the principality in the Winter Olympics, says he has come to Calgary to win but would be happy with 25th place.

"We're here with a winning attitude (but) any place between 20 and 25 will be great for us," the Prince, 29, told Reuters after checking through customs at Calgary airport yesterday.

## Boxer of the Month

CARACAS, Feb. 8. (Reuters): The World Boxing Association (WBA) named American Mike Tyson as its Boxer of the Month following the January 22 bout in which he beat Larry Holmes to retain his undisputed world heavyweight championship.

## Bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

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Sheraton Bridge Club tournament will be held today at Meadla Beach Hotel at 8 pm.

## BRITON'S APPROACH DISAPPOINTS FANS

## Tate knocks Sibson into retirement

STAFFORD, England, Feb. 8. (AP): Frank Tate said he went out and took Tony Sibson's breath away.

But the International Boxing Federation's middleweight champion didn't count on a little help from some of the challengers fans, who filled the atmosphere with tears.

Tate knocked Sibson into retirement with a crashing right hand that flattened the Briton for the full count near the end of round ten.

## Tactics

The knockout stretched the American's unbeaten streak to 22 fights and later he explained the tactics that brought him a successful first defence of the title he won last October.

"I knew he was a big puncher and I didn't allow the fight to become a slugfest match," Tate said.

"I kept him at bay for a long time and got his heart rate up. Then I took his breath away," said the fighter whose training programme is carefully monitored scientifically for maximum fitness.

Sibson, who slipped to 55-7-1, announced his retirement after the fight.

"That's it, there's nothing left

for me now in boxing."

The durable Briton said his strangely hesitant tactics were dictated by the champion.

"It was like chasing a devil. I just couldn't catch up with him. I couldn't fight the fight I wanted."

The stylish Tate, from Houston, Texas, was rarely troubled in the fight by the 29-year-old Briton, who was trying to win a world title at the third attempt.

## Slipped

Sibson, previously had lost to former middleweight titlist Marvelous Marvin Hagler in 1983 and to countryman Dennis Andries in a bid to win the World Boxing Council title two years ago.

The Briton's strangely tentative approach disappointed his vast army of volatile followers, some of whom were involved in violent scenes before the fight.

Some of the fans tried to get on without tickets and exploded teargas canisters as they fought with security officials.

For a month, the fight had been dwarfed by a high-powered battle outside the ring between the IBF and the British Boxing Board of Control over its duration.



Tate (left) is congratulated by Sibson (right) after retaining his title. (Reuters wirephoto)

Until an eye-of-fight announcement, by President Robert Lee that the fight would be reduced to 12 rounds, the IBF stuck to its rules covering world title fights and said the bout would be over 15. It maintained 15 rounds was a true test of a world champion.

British officials followed the line of the two other world governing bodies, the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association, is restricting contests to no more than 12 rounds

on the grounds of safety.

It refused to sanction the contest over the longer distance, and although the fight went ahead with IBF officials, the BBC threatened to withdraw the licenses of Sibson, Warren and any other Britons on the undercard connected with the show.

After Lee's climbdown, which, he stressed, was for this fight only, the British Board withdrew its threat and agreed to supply officials for the undercard.

The issue is set to be raised again when the same promoter, London-based Frank Warren, stages another IBF contest in two weeks time, the light-heavyweight cootest between American holder Charles Williams and British challenger Tom Collins at Windsor, near London.

## Stumped

The fight was held up ten minutes to allow the gas in the air to clear, and when it began, Tate stamped his authority on the contest with some sharp jabs and cultured ring movement.

Sibson, normally a fast-starting all-action puncher, seemed content to bide his time. He also was stung by Tate's nagging jabs as the tall, gangly American put his considerable reach advantage

to good use.

When Sibson went on the attack in the second round, he was caught on the counter attack by a short left hook and, in round four, the American found Sibson's head with a long right that had the Englishman reeling.

Sibson survived and for the next three rounds traded jabs with the champion who was never put under pressure.

In the eighth, Tate showed his versatility with good work to the head and body and dancing out of trouble when caught on the ropes.

He also hurt Sibson in a furious exchange at the start of the ninth and appeared to be winding up for a big finish.

It came near the end of the tenth with he softened up the challenger with a combination and then powered the right through Sibson's defences to send the Briton sprawling to the canvas for the full ten count.

All three judges had Tate well ahead at the finish.

Denmark's Torbeo Hansen scored it 88-83 at the end of the ninth, Joe Pasquale from New Jersey and Dr Clark Sammartino, Providence, Rhode Island, both had it 87-84.

## East beat West in NBA All Star game

CHICAGO, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Michael Jordan had 40 points, 16 of them in the final five minutes and fifty seconds to lead the East to a 138-133 win over the West yesterday in the National Basketball Association's (NBA) annual All Star game.

Jordan, playing at home in the sold-out Chicago stadium, was voted the game's most valuable player, as the East won the seventh time in the last nine games.

Los Angeles Lakers' centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored only 10 points, but the final two, with 44 seconds remaining, enabled the 40-year old Jabbar to set a new All Star career point record with 247, surpassing Oscar Robertson's 246.

For the East, Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins had 29 points and Detroit's Isiah Thomas had 15 assists. Utah's Karl Malone had 22 for the West and Houston's Kareem Olajuwon had 21, with the Lakers' Johnson contributing 19 assists.

## Record sales

HANOVER, West Germany, Feb. 8. (Reuters): A record 706,000 tickets have been sold for June's European soccer championships, the West German Soccer Federation (DFB) said today.

## Nomads beat Bahrain in Gulf Cup tournament

By Peter Jones

KUWAIT Nomads beat Bahrain by 27 points to 3 on Friday in a Gulf Merit Table match, but the result will not count as the Gulf Cup semifinal. Bahrain's team was depleted when visas were not available for three of their key players, and so the Nomads must play the semifinal in Bahrain at the end of the month, a match which could also decide the destiny of the Gulf Merit Table title.

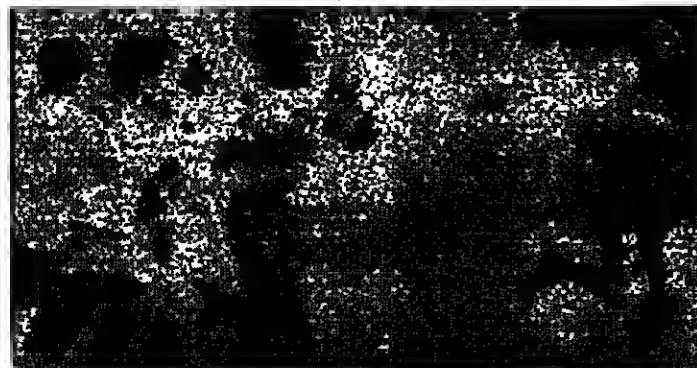
It took the Nomads until the last quarter of the game to subdue a Bahrain side, who harried and disrupted the Kuwait team throughout the first half.

## Threw away

In addition, the Nomads threw away a number of early scoring opportunities, by choosing what were clearly the wrong options in the circumstances.

In the event, it was Bahrain who went into the interval with a 3-0 lead courtesy of a penalty kick from the half-way line.

In the second half, Kuwait managed to move effectively impose their will on Bahrain who were starting to tire, and most of



Gibb drives through for the crucial try.

the play was in the Bahrain half. The Nomads equalised with a Graham Adams penalty, but it took them until mid-way into the half to take the lead. A pre-planned penalty move from close to the Bahrain line worked beautifully and Alan Gibb evaded the despairing attempts of the Bahrain defenders to score close to the posts.

This was a just reward for Gibb, who had made some excellent breaks throughout the match. Adams converted for a 9-3 lead.

The second try by Steve Hill

was a carbon copy of his try against Dubai two weeks ago. Securing the ball in the loose, a huge dummy fooled the Bahrain cover and he went over unopposed to make the conversion simple for Adams.

Hill was involved again when he drew the Bahrain defence before giving a perfectly judged pass to Bullies, who cut back inside to score to make Adams' conversion another formality. Hill's break had more such passes in the game, he would surely have got more than the one try.

Adams rounded off the scor-



The ball is in there somewhere!

ing with the last move of the match, crashing over from short range. He converted to make the final score 27-3.

Thought not a convincing performance by the Nomads' standards, they did manage to stay cool and wait for the openings to occur without panicking.

This says much for the progress that has been made since the defeat in Bahrain last season, when the lack of patience cost them the game when it could have been won.

The Nomads have another fixture at home this coming Friday,

when Muscat travel to Kuwait for the first time in many years. Muscat are leading the Merit Table with an unbeaten record, though they suffered a 1-5-7 reverse at the hands of Dubai at home last Friday in the cup semifinal.

Kuwait have to win the match to keep alive their hopes of retaining their Gulf championship title, so a fierce battle is in prospect. The Nomads have named an unchanged team for the fourth successive match, and the continuity will clearly be of great help to them.

## Lopez wins Mazda Classic women's golf

BOCA RATON, Florida, Feb. 8. (AP): Nancy Lopez bogeyed three of her first seven holes yesterday, but held on for a two-stroke victory in the \$200,000 Mazda Classic, the season's opener on the women's professional golf tour.

Lopez shot a 3-over-par 75, her highest round of the tournament, finishing with a 72-hole total of 283, 5-under-par at the 6,368-yard Stoney Creek Golf and Country Club course.

It was the 37th victory of her career. She earned \$30,000.

Sank

Marta Figueras-Dotti of Spain sank a 70-foot birdie putt from the fringe on number 17 and birdied the final hole for a 73, finishing second at 285.

Jan Stephenson, who appeared to be Lopez' biggest threat, found a bunker on number 18 and took a double bogey for a closing 74 and finished tied for third at 288. Also at 288 were Heather Farr, Amy Benz, Patty Sheehan, Juli Inkster and Martha Foy, whose previous best finish was a tie for 24th.

Inkster bounced back from a 75 Saturday and shot a 68, yesterday's best round.

Lopez took the lead for good in the second round. She began the final day four shots ahead of Figueras-Dotti, but bogeyed the first, fourth and seventh holes and fell to five under.

Stephenson again was within two strokes when she birdied number 10 to go four under, but she bogeyed numbers 11 and 15. Lopez had seven straight pars and played the back nine in 1-over-37.

Conditions were windy but warmer than for the hasty third round.

First-round leader Patti Rizzo finished at 74-289. Rookie Trish Johnson of Wales, a contender until taking a triple bogey on number 14 on Saturday, shot 87-302. Defending champion Kathy Postlewait finished at 73-289.

## IOC to punish boycotting nations

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 8. (AP): The International Olympic Committee has decided to punish nations that boycott the Summer Games with a financial slap on the wrist.

As it wrapped up a two-day meeting yesterday, the IOC's executive board adopted a three-part resolution under which boycotters would lose their share of television revenues as funneled through Olympic solidarity, one of the committee's financial arms.

Although TV revenues for the games in Seoul this year come to some \$400 million, the percentage share once it reaches solidarity coffers is only about \$6,000, according to IOC figures.

## Prompted

Still, the action — prompted by a boycott of Seoul by North Korea and some of its allies — marked the first time the IOC had imposed a penalty directly on nations who stay away from

political reasons.

There is no anger in this action," Michele Verdier, the IOC spokeswoman, said. "The only feeling the IOC can have is to regret that some athletes do not have the chance to participate in the games."

The resolution, proposed by a four-member working group appointed by the board last December, makes three points.

It says the IOC's 167 member National Olympic Committees have the "moral obligation" to send athletes to the Games, although the NOC's retain the right to reject an invitation to participate.

It says that nations who decide to reject invitations will lose their share of the solidarity TV funds.

"We can't force anyone to accept an invitation to participate," IOC Vice President Richard Pound said. "But we can say that the NOCs have the obligation to send their athletes

to the games and we have the option of withholding money."

Verdier said this section applied only to the Summer Games, not the Winter Games where only a third of the member nations are entered.

And it says that in cases where NOC's accept an invitation and then reverse themselves, the executive board rather than the entire IOC will decide what punishment to impose. This takes much of the political pressure out of the penalty process.

"This involves a lot of ounces," Verdier said. "It is not meant to penalise countries who withdraw for financial reasons, for instance. It will be studied case by case."

Again, Verdier said this was aimed primarily at Summer Games boycotters. She said Ireland and Senegal, which withdrew teams from Calgary at the last minute because of technical reasons, would not be punished.

## Jones scores first PGA victory of his career

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 8. (AP): Steve Jones, twice teetering on the brink of collapse, scored the first PGA victory of his career with a 15-18 foot (5-6 metre) birdie putt on the second playoff hole today in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Jones' winning putt blunted the comeback hopes of Bob Tway, who made up six shots over the last 18 holes to force the playoff.

## Sand shot

Tway, seeking his first title since beating Greg Norman with an historic sand shot on the 72nd hole of the 1986 PGA, had a chance to prolong the playoff. But his birdie attempt from 12-15 feet (4-5 metres) slid by the cup on the 17th green at Pebble Beach and Jones, 29, at last was a winner.

Jones and Tway, the 1986 player of the year, finished the regulation 72 holes at 280, eight shots under par.

Tway, playing about one-half hour in front of Jones, came from six shots back with a 68.

Jones, a rangy 6-foot-4, struggled in with a hard-won 2-over-par 74. He had a chance to win it in regulation, but missed an 8-foot (2.5-metre) birdie putt on the 72nd hole, setting up the playoff that began on the 16th hole.

Both parred it. Jones missed a 12-footer (4 metres) that would have won it, and Tway dropped a 6-footer (two metres) that sent them to the tee on the par-3 17th, where the green jets into the frothy surf of Carmel Bay.

Both put their tee shots on the green. Jones made his and Tway "He just made a great putt," Tway said.

"Obviously I play to win, but I'm pleased. I've had a chance to win the last two weeks, so I feel like it's coming," said Tway, who was third in the Bob Hope Classic.

Jones, who has let previous opportunities for victory slip through his fingers, wrote lost a lead over the last 18 holes.

## Surrendered

Three shots in front when the day's play started, he surrendered the lead to Langer after six holes.

But Langer's sudden collapse and a couple of critical birdies by Jones on the ninth and 10th put him in front again.

But he couldn't hold it. He added to one-putt six holes in a row, then missed an 8-foot (2.5 metres) par putt on the 15th. That cut his lead to one.

He scrambled for par again on the 16th, then bogeyed the 17th after pulling his tee shot into a bunker. That dropped him back into a share of the lead. His birdie putt wobbled off line on the 18th and the playoff was on.

The victory was worth \$126,000 from the total purse of \$700,000.

Australian Greg Norman, playing more than an hour in front of the other contenders, came out of the pack with a 66 and gained third at 281, a single stroke out of the playoff.

"Stranger things have happened," Norman said of his attempt to overcome a nine-shot deficit over the last 18 holes.

"You just have to be determined, not give up," Norman said.

The expected challenge from a couple of former Masters Champions, Bernhard Langer and Craig Stadler, failed to materialise in the sunny, windy weather.

A quick birdie-birdie start helped Langer to an early lead, but he bogeyed five of seven holes, beginning on the ninth, and wasn't a factor again.

Stadler, who at times panted biting his putter in frustration, simply could not get anything in the hole.

## Madrid steal the show with 7 goals

MADRID, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Atletico Madrid stole the limelight in Spanish First Division soccer action yesterday thrashing Real Mallorca 7-0.

But Atletico still trail six points behind runaway leaders from across town, Real Madrid, whose 2-1 win at Sporting Gijon thanks to a late Hugo Sanchez goal gives them 36 points.

There was plenty of drama in Seville where two players were sent off and English striker Gary Lineker was substituted in the match between Sevilla and Barcelona.

## Red card

The referee dismissed Barcelona defender Gerardo Miranda off in the 40th minute for insulting him, then waved a red card at reserve goalkeeper Javier Urrutikoetxea, who went onto the pitch to complain.

Lineker only got to the ball twice in 60 minutes and coach Luis Aragones brought him off in favour of Ramon Caldera.

The match ended 1-1, defender Ricardo Serna scoring for Sevilla after 75 minutes and Barcelona's Cristobal Parralo equalising from a corner.

Barcelona continue to flounder half way down the table with only 20 points.

Brazil's Ricardo Alemay was the guiding force behind Atletico's biggest win for years,



Atletico Madrid's Portuguese striker Paolo Futre (right) takes a tumble after being fouled by Mallorca's Chano Lopez during their game. (Reuters wirephoto)

opening the scoring after 20 minutes with a powerful shot from outside the penalty area.

Within seven minutes, Antonio Parra and Julio Salinas made it 3-0. Real Mallorca were helpless against the blast of goals that followed as Salinas scored a second and Jesus Landaburu and Eusebio Sacristan took the tally to six.

Young Portuguese star Paulo

Futre put the icing on the cake with a beautiful last minute goal as he dribbled half the length of the pitch past three Mallorca defenders and skillfully knocked the ball in the top corner.

Real Madrid found themselves struggling against the speed and strength and were 1-0 down at halftime after Suarez netted in the 16th minute.

## Jansen captures world sprint skating championship

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 8. (AP): Dan Jansen made a strong pre-Olympic push on his blustery, shivering-cold home rink this past weekend. And now it's on to Calgary where he hopes the momentum will carry him to a medal when the games begin.

The 22-year-old Jansen, skating on the Wisconsin Olympic rink just miles from his West Allis, Wisconsin, home, won three of four races on Saturday and yesterday to capture the World Sprint Championship.

Despite the absence of two of the world's top sprinters — Japan's Akira Kuroiwa and the Soviet Union's Igor Zhlezovsky — Jansen says his performance was just what he needed headed into the games.

"That was their decision not to come here," said Jansen. "I'm going in with a lot of confidence and maybe they're coming in with some questions about me and how I'm skating."

Jansen was joined as a world champion by East Germany's Christa Rothenburger, who finished second in both the 500 and 1,000 metres yesterday but still edged out teammate Karin Kanja for the title she last held in 1985.

Jansen, who won the 500 and 1,000 metres on Saturday, won the 500 again yesterday and then took a sixth in the final 1,000

metres.

Jansen had 155.975 points in the four-race competition. East Germany's Uwe-Jens Mey was second overall with 156.695 points and American Eric Flaim third with 157.065.

"I was kind of nervous before the last race and just hoping nothing drastic would happen. I was maybe a little conservative. But I skated a pretty solid race," Jansen said.

Flaim, who wants to skate all five distances in Calgary, made a strong showing with a victory in the final 1,000 metres. United States International Speedskating Association officials will decide this week who will get the starting positions in the Olympics.

Rothenburger, the world record holder at 500 metres, was beaten in that event yesterday by American Bonnie Blair. Blair won the race in a rare head-to-head competition as the two sprinters were paired together.

## Surged

Blair overtook Rothenburger on the final turn of the windy rink, surged ahead in the final stretch and won in 41.03 seconds.



## SPORTS

## Shastri replaces Vengsarkar

BOMBAY, Feb 8, (Reuter): Ravi Shastri will replace Dilip Vengsarkar as Indian captain in the four-nation Asia Cup in Dhaka later this month, the secretary to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Ranbir Singh said today.

Vengsarkar has been banned from all cricket for six months for violating his contract and writing for newspapers during the recent India-West Indies series.

Shastri led India to the fourth and final Test against the West Indies when Vengsarkar was absent because of injury. He had earlier said he would be unavailable for the Cup because of a knee injury.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will take part in the tournament from February 22-28.

Iodiao team — Ravi Shastri (captain), Krishnamachari Srikanth, Navjot Siddhu, W.V. Raman, Mohammad Azharuddin, Mohinder Amarnath, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Ajay Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Chetan Sharma, Chandrakant Pandit, Sanjeev Sharma, Maninder Singh.

## Border and Botham revive Queensland

SYDNEY, Feb 8, (Reuter): Australian Test captain Allan Border and England all-rounder Iain Botham shared a no-hundred stand of 90 to repair Queensland's second innings in the Sheffield Shield match against South Australia in Brisbane today.

The pair joined forces with the score 64 for four and were still together at the close of the third day when Border was 63, Botham 37, and the total 154, a lead of 175.

Earlier, South Australia lost their last five first-innings wickets for 10 runs to be all out for 364 after captain David Hookes made 112, his first century at the Gabba ground.

Western Australia's hurling medium-fast bowler Chris Matthews took six for 77 in Hobart to end Tasmania's hopes of gaining first-innings points for the first time this season.

Tasmania were all out for 273, to trail by 61 on first innings, and by the close of the third day Western Australia were 219 for three in their second innings, a lead of 280.

Scores at the close of the third day of Sheffield Shield cricket matches.

In Brisbane: Queensland 385 (T. Barty 102, I. Botham 60, G. Trimble 57) and 154 for four (A. Border 63 out, I. Botham 37 out), South Australia 364 (D. Hookes 112, G. Bishop 100, T. Hobos five for 100).

In Hobart: Western Australia 334 (G. Marsh 86, W. Andrews 57, K. MacCleay 50 not out) and 219 for three (M. Veletta 95, G. Wood 61 not out), Tasmania 273 (B. Davison 59, D. Boon 53, C. Matthews six for 77).

## Air Lanka trophy

THE finals of the Air Lanka Trophy Challenge Cup will be played on Friday at the New Ground in Ahmed. Unity meet Starlite in this full day encounter consisting of 45 overs. Starting time is 0900 am. Umpires nominated are one each from Gulf Bank and Falcon. The chief guest is Prasanna Subasinghe, regional manager of Air Lanka. The prize distribution luncheon is scheduled at 5 pm on the same day.

## IMPRESSIVE ATTACK BY NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

## England collapse in second innings

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Feb 8, (AP): England suffered a second innings batting collapse today, falling into trouble at stumps after the second day of its three-day cricket match against a New Zealand representative team at Pukekura Park.

England appeared to be forging towards an outright victory when it declared an overnight score of 243 for six and put the Shell XI straight in to bat.

The English pace quartet of Phillip de Freitas, Neal Radford, Paul Jarvis and Graham Dilley combined impressively and had the New Zealand side out for a paltry 139.

That gave the tourists a first innings lead of 104, but the advantage was frittered away by the day's end.

When stumps were drawn, England was 104 for eight, an overall lead of only 208, with a

day left in the competition.

Only three New Zealand bowlers were used in an impressive attack, with Jonathon Millmow and Chris Kugeleijn getting three wickets each and Brian Barrett two.

Martyn Moxon was first to go, caught at the wicket by Ervin McSweeney off Kugeleijn for five. It gave him a match aggregate of nine.

Chris Broad was caught in the gully by Phil Horne off Kugeleijn for 16 then Neil Fairbrother went quickly, clean bowled by Barrett for 15.

## Caught

Neal Radford, promoted up the order to boost his confidence, made a brisk 23 before Kugeleijn bowled him and the former Dutch international struck again when he trapped Tim Robinson's leg before wicket for four. England was then 83-5.

## Scoreboard

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Hubara winning the toss, elected to bat first with opener Devereil and skipper Shipton. Salim making good use of the new ball accounted for Devereil, top edging a hook into the hands of keeper Jerry. A sharp incut shattered Pat Flower's wicket for 5. James then claimed two important wickets in Ralph D'Neisse and Shipton, both caught and howled to have Hubara struggling at 51 for 5.

BKME captain Bastaki then brought off spinner Ronnie, who mopped up the tail with some intelligent bowling claiming 4 wickets for a miserly 8 runs off 5 overs. Hubara were all out for 101 with Shipton top scoring with 32 and John McConville being the only other batsman to reach double figures with 19.

For BKME besides Ronnie, Salim bowled superbly finishing with 2 for 30 off 8 overs, while James had 3 for 24 off 6.4 overs.

Bowled  
BKME set off with regular openers Ramesh and Ronnie scoring 41 in 6 overs before Jimmy James bowled Ronnie for 18. Ramesh was caught by Greenwood off Pat Flower for 19. Pat Flower Ralph D'Neisse

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Millmow tempted De Freitas into a similar shot and he was caught at the wicket by McSweeney for a duck.

An injudicious swish from Jack Richards gave McSweeney his fifth catch of the match and Millmow his third ticket of the innings.

John Embury (not out 8) and Jarvis (not out 1) were at the wicket at stumps.

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J. Millmow c Richards b Jarvis 5  
B. Barrett lbw b Jarvis 0  
W. Watson not out 3  
Extras (lb-6, nb-21) 27  
TOTAL 139

Fall of wickets 1-02-213-384-565-64-6-98-7-107-8-123-9-123

Bowling: De Freitas 9-2-27-2, Radford 12-2-51-1, Jarvis 13-4-24-4, Dilley 9-2-21-2, Embury 3-3-1-10-1.

ENGLAND second innings  
C. Broad c Horne b Barrett 16  
Moxon c McSweeney b Kugeleijn 5  
N. Fairbrother b Barrett 15  
C. Athey c Jones b Millmow 24  
N. Radford b Kugeleijn 23  
B. Robinson lbw b Kugeleijn 4  
Richards c McSweeney b Millmow 3  
P. De Freitas c McSweeney b Millmow 0  
J. Embury not out 8  
P. Jarvis not out 1  
Extras (lb-1, nb-4) 5  
TOTAL (for eight wickets) 104

Fall of wickets 1-62-333-384-795-83-6-91-7-91-8-91

Bowling: Millmow 10-2-26-3, Kugeleijn 17-5-35-3, Barrett 8-2-42-2

BRAUN Transworld Cricket Club beat Hassawi Cricket Club by 5 wickets in a challenge trophy match played at the Yarmouk grounds.

Hassawi won the toss and elected to bat. They lost their opener, Kishore, with only 16 runs but the second wicket partnership between Aziz and Jamil yielded 30 runs.

After that, the wickets began to fall in quick succession. Hassawi totalled 119 runs in their allotted 25 overs. The main scorers for Hassawi were Jamil 22, Aziz 21, Michael 22 and Ashfaq 13.

BTCC skipper Afzal took 4 wickets. The other wicket takers were Afif with 2 and Sattar with 1.

In reply BTCC lost 2 quick wickets with 9 on board. Tooy and Mirza managed to repair the damage with a 50 run partnership before Mirza was bowled for a splendid 27 runs. Later, Afif and Tooy played a responsible innings for a 50 run partnership before Tooy was bowled for 33 runs.

BTCC surpassed the required runs in 19 overs with Afif 25 out and Afzal 8 out.

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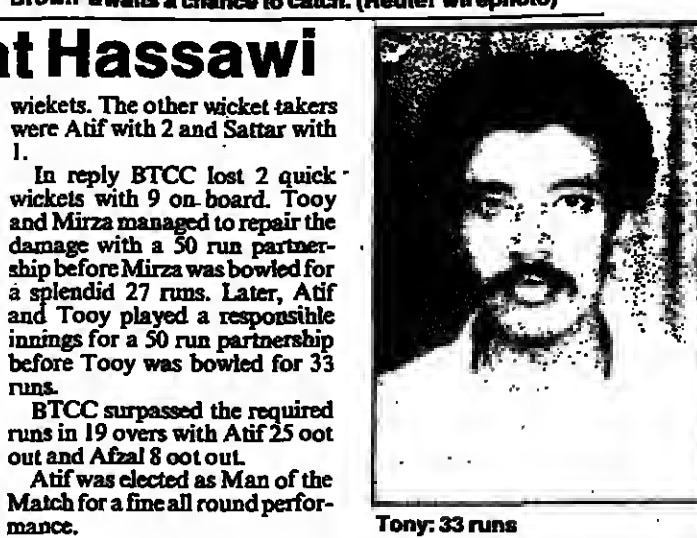
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England's Neil Fairbrother (right) in action while New Zealand's Brown awaits a chance to catch. (Reuter wirephoto)



Tony: 33 runs

Sweden complete 5-0 sweep

GAVLE, Sweden, Feb 8, (AP): Anders Jarryd and Stefan Edberg completed a 5-0 sweep for defending Davis Cup champion Sweden over New Zealand by winning yesterday's reverse singles in their first-round world group match.

Jarryd edged New Zealand's number one Kelly Evernden 8-6, 4-6, 11-9 on the fast indoor carpet for his fourth consecutive singles victory and 16th overall against only three losses in Davis Cup play.

Edberg, the world's second-ranked player, nailed down the final score by whipping Bruce Derlin 6-1, 6-2 in just 38 minutes.

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## Sri Lanka in command

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb 8, (AP): Sri Lanka powered to 362 for six today to take a commanding position after the third day of its four-day cricket match against Australian state team Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

At stumps, the tourists held a lead of 373 runs with Ravi Ranayake on 39 and Guy de Alwis on 30.

Sri Lankan captain Ranjan Madugalle was expected to declare overnight.

Madugalle said his side had batted impressively and he would be looking for an equal effort from his bowlers tomorrow.

Young batsmen Aravinda de Silva and Arjuna Ranatunga produced impressive Test warm-ups with scores of 69 and 68 respectively.

For Victoria, Simon Davis was the pick of the bowlers with a haul of 3-57 from 24 overs.

Madugalle said he did not declare earlier due to minor fitness problems surrounding pace bowlers Graeme Labrooy and Champaka Ramunayake, but said both would be fit for a full day tomorrow.

Sri Lanka is using the match to warm up for the one-off Test match with Australia that begins on Friday in Perth.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA first innings 157 (S. Davis five for 50)

VICTORIA first innings 146 (G. Labrooy seven for 71)

SRI LANKA second innings

R. Mahanama lbw b Reiffel 51

B. Kuruppu c Young b Davis 22

A. Gurusinha b Whatmore b Davis 25

A. de Silva c and b Davis 69

A. Ranatunga c Reiffel b Hughes 68

R. Madugalle b Dodsmaide 34